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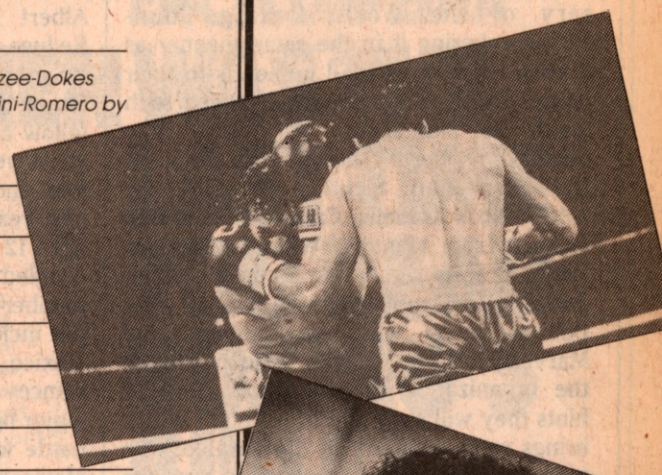

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RINGSIDE

JOSE SULAIMAN RECENTLY THREW HIMSELF a Bar Mitzvah party at the UN, pretentiously calling it "A Gala Affair for the XX Anniversary of the World Boxing Council"—numbering it in the same manner as Roman emperors added numerals to their name. Those in attendance included such greats as Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, Jose Napoles, Nino Benvenuti, Fighting Harada, Eder Jofre, Alexis Arguello, Carlos Monzon, Bob Foster, Lupe Pintor, Wilfredo Gomez, Carlos Zarate, and hundreds of other greats. (Conspicuous by their absence were Bobby Chacon, who was uninvited, and Marvelous Marvin Hagler, who boycotted the organization that has now dropped hints they will strip him of his title.) Which brings us to the point of this parable: who paid for this party? And if it was the WBC—figuring the total cost to be over $450,000—will it be reflected in its financial report, which hasn't been issued to its members in six years?

With over 50 all-time greats gathered for the collective appreciation of those in attendance, who do you think monopolized the evening? If you guessed Jose Sulaiman, pass "Go" immediately and qualify for a WBC title shot. Promising to speak "for only five minutes", Jose managed to keep his record intact—a record which threatens Joe DiMaggio's consecutive streak of 56—by droning on for 15.

At an early get-together with the press, when reporter Ken Picking of *USA Today* asked the gathered champions their opinion of the 12-round championship limit, over half of those in attendance raised their hands in approval—including several who didn't even understand the question. Sulaiman turned to his next-door neighbor and audibly said, "That was the greatest triumph of me and my 12-rounds." It's interesting that Jose has finally identified the 12-round rule as "his", because although he announced the vote in favor of limiting championship fights to 12 rounds as 23-1, we know of at least seven members of the WBC board who voted against Jose Sulaiman's knee-jerk rule in the wake of Deuk-Koo Kim's death. Now he must face the tragic, and yet ironic, fact that Kiko Bejines died in the 12th round of his WBC bantamweight championship bout against Albert Davila. What's he going to do? Reduce the number of rounds to 11?

Sad to relate, Kiko Bejines would be alive today if Jose Sulaiman hadn't favored a fellow countryman who had been inactive for a year-plus, suffered a KO in his last fight and *not* made 118 pounds in over two-plus years. It was dehydration, not fatigue nor 12 rounds, that killed him. That coupled with outright favoritism for a number-three ranked bantamweight who, not incidentally, just happened to be from Mexico. It was the same set of circumstances that put the number-three ranked junior lightweight, Bazooka Limon, in to do battle with Hector Camacho. He, too, was Mexican. What happened to the number-two ranked contender? Or is it because he's not from Mexico?

Jose, you head up the *World* Boxing Council, not the *Mexican* Boxing Council. The fact that there is a bias in your favoritism of fighters from your native country, that there is a disproportionate number of Mexicans in important World Boxing Council positions and that you care not for the rules and regulations of countries others than your own—you have gone so far as to defy a U.S. Federal Court injunction prohibiting you from stripping Bobby Chacon of his title, claiming the WBC championship was not "a county championship or a state championship, but a *world* championship," and even perjured yourself in your testimony before the U.S. Congressional subcommittee investigating boxing—disqualifies you from heading up a *World* organization.

It's not that you haven't put together the best boxing organization in the world, you have. It's not that there aren't good ideas in place, there are. But you are not the man to head them up, not after 12 years at the head of a world body. Your show is slipping. Resign now and give someone else from some other country a chance. *That* would really be cause for a good party!

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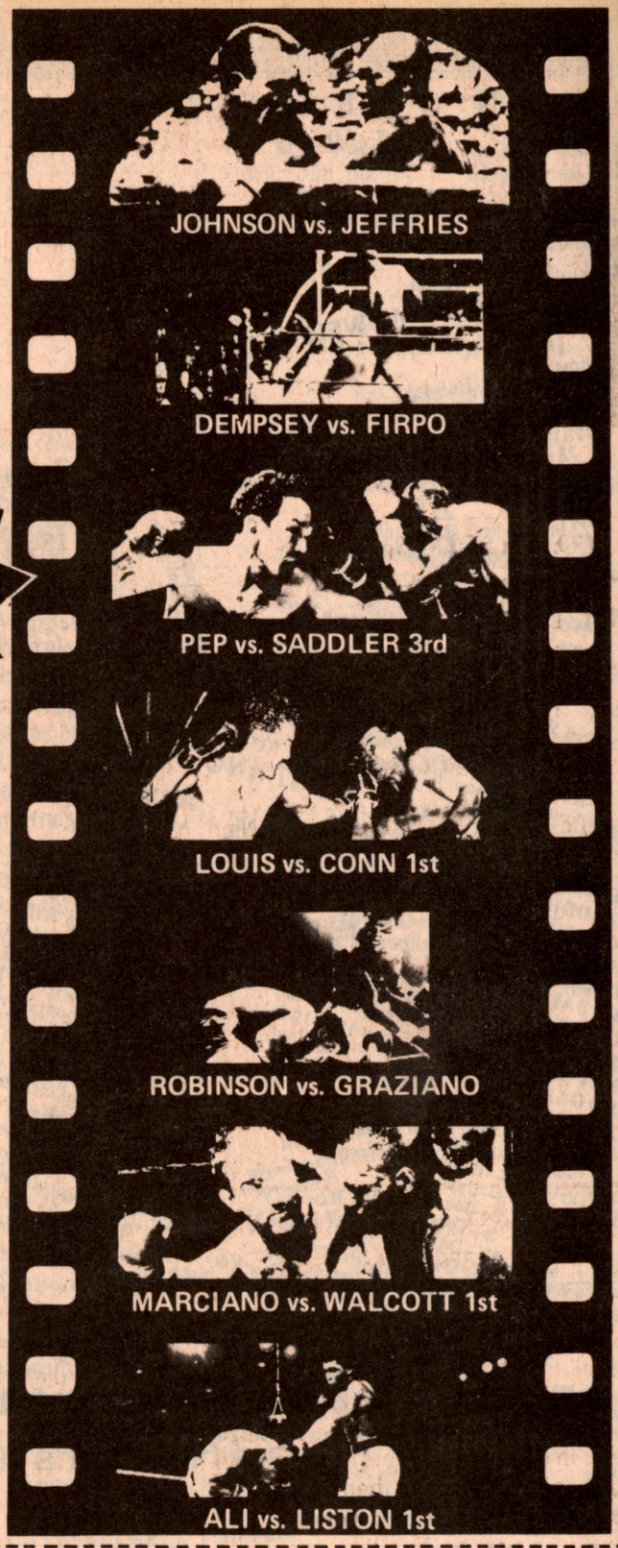

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ROUND ONE

BOXING'S GODFATHER

THE LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLES OF the squared circle seldom transcend the ring ropes. One of the nice elements of the boxing game is the sense of comraderie that tends to replace hostility between the bitterest of foes as time goes by.

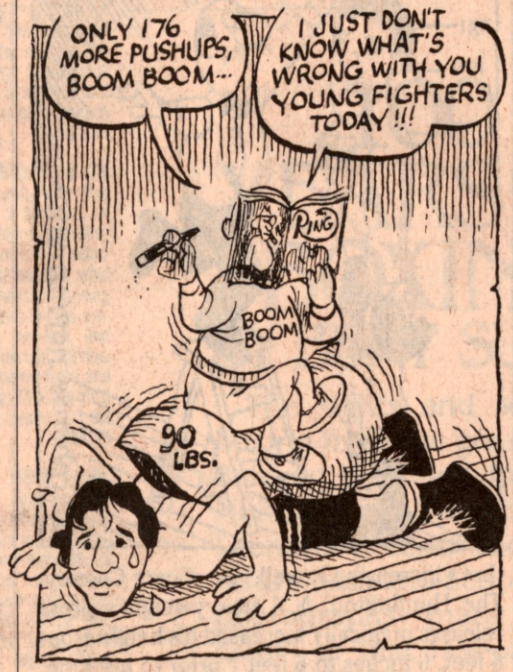
Take the case of Emile Griffith and Nino Benvenuti who three times engaged in take-no-prisoners warfare for the world middleweight title in the late 1960's. Now, some 15 years after Griffith and Benvenuti's last battle, Nino's son Giuliano accompanied his father on a trip to New York. The proudest person in the city was Giuliano Benvenuti's godfather, Emile Griffith.

BOOM BOOM DOES IT THE OLD FASHIONED WAY

BEFORE DUANE BOBICK FOUGHT JOHN Tate three-and-a-half years ago, Bobick's manager, Dave Wolf, instituted what he trumpeted as a "radical, advanced, modern training program" for his fighter, who was trying to rebound from a couple of humiliating, early-round knockout losses to Ken Norton and Kallie Knoetze. "Athletes in every other sport have been doing it for years," Wolf said then of the training regimen, which involved work with progressive resistance Nautilus machines. "Only boxing has remained in the dark ages. Fighters use the same antiquated conditioning methods that were used 40 years ago." Wolf added that he was "convinced that Bobick will be not just a good heavyweight, but a great heavyweight." Alas, Tate walked right through the well-conditioned Bobick and knocked him out in 2 minutes and 16 seconds.

Nowadays Wolf manages WBA lightweight champion Ray Mancini and the ex-sportswriter is wise enough to leave Boom Boom's training to Murphy Griffith, a veteran who swears by the old techniques. To prepare for the title defense against Orlando Romero, Griffith had Mancini do pushups with a 90-pound sack on his back, run up a steep hill while carrying the sack and roll 75-pound logs up the hill.

"It's all a refinement of what I learned



when I started in boxing 48 years ago in the Virgin Islands," says Griffith.

Mancini claims to enjoy the drills, which include rolling around with his stomach on a basketball while his hands are behind his back, shadow-boxing while under water and banging away at tires with a baseball bat.

Boom Boom won't say for sure that the old regimens are better than modern exercize equipment, but you can't argue with success and the Pride of Youngstown rallied to knock Romero out.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

JUAN LAPORTE MAY BE THE WBC Featherweight champion but in the latest intrigue involving LaPorte and Don King, the Puerto Rican seems more like a challenger than a title-holder.

LaPorte grabbed headlines recently when he charged that King had "threatened" him into signing a contract to fight Wilfredo Gomez in a King Promotion. LaPorte's manager, Howie Albert had been negotiating with Madison Square Garden to make the same fight. According to the story which LaPorte and Albert told the New York boxing writers, LaPorte's former trainer, Carlos Espada, had lured Juan into the back of Don King's limousine on Claussen Street in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn and then doublecrossed him. LaPorte claimed that as Espada and three other people plus the driver looked on (King does have a big car), King told LaPorte that if he didn't sign right there, he would never fight Gomez. Accentuating the eerie scenario, LaPorte said that King began making threats.

"I was afraid for my family's safety," said LaPorte of his frame of mind when he signed the contract.

King took offense and took the offensive at a press conference which he called in Manhattan to refute LaPorte's and Albert's accusations. King said that the million-dollar purse which the contract called for LaPorte to receive was much more than the Puerto Rican champion was worth. And of Albert's contention that as LaPorte's manager he had to sign any of LaPorte's ring contracts, King stated that Albert's managerial contract with LaPorte had, in fact, expired.

"Howie Albert's a nickel-and-dimer," King stated. "He's sleazier than all the people he's always denouncing."

"You can't absolve LaPorte," King added. "He's a gutless wonder."

King railed at the press coverage which he claimed gave credence to LaPorte's accusations. "You made me look like a gangster," said King, his voice breaking with emotion. "I've instructed my lawyer to look into filing a slander suit against Howie Albert, Juan LaPorte, John Condon (head of boxing at Madison Square Garden), Paul Guez (an associate of Albert's and owner of Sasson) and *El Diario* (the Spanish language New York newspaper)."

"LaPorte is nothing," King concluded. "My philosophy is you reward your friends and you send your enemies away. I am releasing Juan LaPorte from the contract. Today I am withdrawing my $1 million offer to LaPorte

for a fight with Wilfredo Gomez. I am sending a request to the WBC to sanction a fight between Gomez and Hector Camacho for the junior lightweight title."

Yamil Chade, who is Gomez' manager and was one of the men in the limousine when LaPorte signed the contract said that yes, Gomez would challenge Camacho. Camacho's promoter, Jeff Levine, said that the 130-pound WBC champion would be glad to defend against Gomez.

Albert and LaPorte screamed "foul" when news of the new development was relayed to them. "I'll take King to court if he tries to put Gomez in with Camacho," said Albert. "If Gomez fights anyone but LaPorte, we'll sue." It was almost absurd situation: The *champion* was demanding that a *contender* challenge *him*.

LaPorte has now backed down from his sensational accusations against King. No, King did not threaten his family, LaPorte admits. Juan now says that he merely meant to say that he feared that he would not make a lot of money for his family if he resisted King.

But Gomez, too, has had a chance to think things over. Wilfredo, who was great as a junior featherweight but met disastrous results when he challenged Salvador Sanchez for the featherweight crown two years ago, apparently feels that a jump all the way up to junior lightweight and Camacho might be pressing things too far. "Wilfredo has worked his way to the top in the featherweight division," says Chade. "We want to fight Laporte. After we beat him, we'll take on Camacho."

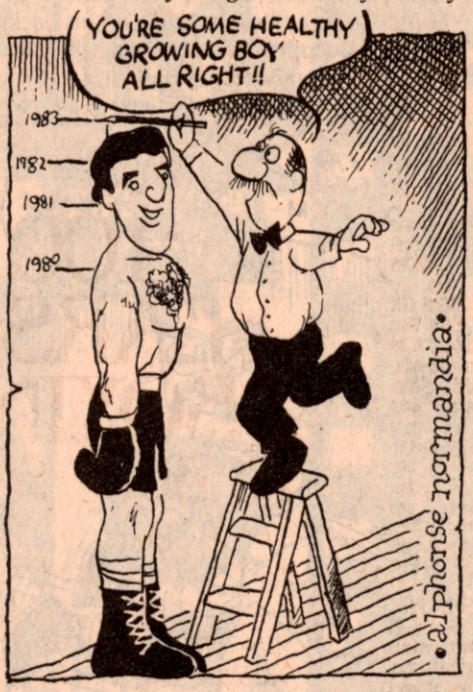
Howie Albert told *The Ring* that despite King's declaration at his press conference, the promoter is still trying to exercise his contract with LaPorte. The LaPorte-Gomez promotion is still very much up in the air and is likely to be settled in court.

NEVER SAY DIET

THANKS TO HIS FAMOUS COTTAGE cheese, salad and alcohol diet, *The Ring's* publisher has dropped some 30 pounds and crashed through the 200-pound barrier for the first time in staffers' memories. It's an unfounded rumor that when he gets down to 195 he'll relent and recognize the cruiserweights.

TALL TALE

HIS RECORD IS DORMANT AND HIS chances of ever capturing the title are diminishing with each passing month. The only thing about Gerry Cooney



that's increasing is well,.... Gerry Cooney. The Huntington, N.Y. heavyweight's press releases magically increased his height from 6 feet, 6 inches to 6 feet 7 prior to his June, 1982 bout with Larry Holmes. Now, a year later, Cooney's people have filled out a "Boxer Information System" card with the New York State Athletic Commission. The Commission's computer now duly lists "Cooney, Gerald Anthony... Height: 6-09," proving, if nothing else, that the 27-year-old Cooney is indeed a "growth industry."

ALI'S NOT FAIR IN LAW AND WAR

AN ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY told a Federal District Court in New York that Muhammad Ali has been manipulated by drug dealers.

Marc Gottridge made the stunning charge at a hearing for the sentencing of Lloyd Ward of Teaneck, N.J., a convicted member of a Harlem Heroin ring. The Attorney was reacting to a letter Ali wrote to Judge Robert Sweet in which the former three-time heavyweight champion asked to be allowed to testify for Ward. Ali said in the letter that Ward had devoted time to helping poor people in Harlem.

"Ali has been manipulated, not just this time, but previously by large-scale narcotics dealers," said the prosecutor.

Ali withdrew his offer to testify after he was told that he would open himself to cross examination if he took the stand.

THE RING STING

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD Boxing Council? According to Champ Thomas, president of one of the two outfits which call themselves the World Athletic Association, the problem with the WBC is that the individuals who run it fail to pocket enough money from the title bouts the WBC sanctions. Champ happily promises that his fledgling band of conmen will not be afflicted with that fault.

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Champ earnestly assures the prospective suckers that within two years network and cable TV will be vying to pay the WAA hundreds of millions of dollars.

"In the past decade TV has paid more than a billion dollars for TV rights to WBC fights," writes Thomas. "The main reason the WBC did not profit as it should have was because the officials did not have the foresight to initiate rules which would've put them in line for a major slice of the pie. The WAA is avoiding these drastic pitfalls. This organization was constructed by boxing managers and promoters and the WAA bylaws permit these individuals to share in the gross take from all income... When our organization reaches the point where it is generating a billion dollars worth of revenue, and it will, our leaders will share in 50 percent of the gross... All investors who aid the WAA in our developing stage will receive a guaranteed piece of the action. The investor will own a piece of every WAA world champion."

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RINGSIDERS AND ESPN VIEWERS GOT a good chuckle at a recent Nashville, Tenn. fight in which 244-pound hometowner Sam Scaf was knocked out by a single right hand thrown by 219-pound Indianan Andrew Stokes. When the hulking Scaf was helped out of the ring he was wrapped in a robe which proclaimed ominously in bold letters, "It only takes one punch."

ROCK(Y) OF AGES

THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC Commission, which last year acquiesced after being threatened with a lawsuit and announced that it would permit inter-gender (man vs. woman) boxing matches, now finds itself faced with a discrimination charge from the senior set.

Sixty-three year-old Jim Harrington, a 5 foot 9 inch, 163 pounder, says he will sue the commission for refusing to permit him to fight as an amateur boxer, even though he obtained a license from the Amateur Boxing Federation.

"I've been hitting the heavy bag for four years, going 10 rounds without stopping," says Harrington. "My left hook will wobble anyone."

Bill Burros, the interim director of the commission, allegedly sent a threatening telegram to the Compton, Calif. promoter who had booked Harrington for a match, causing the entire card to be scrapped. "The Amateur Boxing Federation standards are a farce," says Burros. "They give out licenses without any examination at all. Harrington is a fairly well-preserved 63-year-old with no business in the ring."

"STOP. IGNORE THIS TELEGRAM."

GEORGE BURNS USED TO DERIVE great pleasure out of sending Jack Benny a telegram reading, "STOP. IGNORE FIRST TELEGRAM." There was, of course, no first telegram. There now comes to light a somewhat more malicious telegram prank, the victim of which, was light heavyweight champion Bob Foster.

When Foster was in the waning days of his title reign in 1974, he received a telegram ordering him to defend his title within 60 days against ranking contender John Conteh or be stripped of his crown by the WBC. The telegram was signed "Jose Sulaiman, President, WBC." Having barely retained his title with a 15-round draw against Jorge Ahumada in Albuquerque, the still aching Foster was in no mood to go through with a mandatory tough fight right away and instead announced his retirement.

Recently, Foster had occasion to meet with Conteh's old manager, Mickey Duff to discuss the possibility of matching two fighters each was handling. Foster told Albuquerque sportswriter Carlos Salazar that Duff revealed to him at the meeting that it was Duff himself who had sent Foster that telegram nine years ago and signed Sulaiman's name to it for effect.

One wonders how many other people have taken to signing "Jose Sulaiman" at the end of their telegrams? That is, if they can spell it.

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

IN HIS LAST OUTING BEFORE he won the WBA heavyweight championship from Michael Dokes, Gerrie Coetzee battled Pinklon Thomas to a 10-round draw. Name four other heavyweight titlists who won the championship in fights immediately succeeding bouts they failed to win.

Last month's challenge: Name the two Hall-of-Famers who won both the welterweight and middleweight championships and share a name in common.

Answer: Mickey Walker and Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), of course.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA'S NOT A WONDERFUL SPOT

ALEXIS ARGUELLO'S SECOND SHOT AT Aaron Pryor and the fourth world title received a good deal of attention in this country and in Latin America. But in Arguello's homeland of Nicaragua, the only newspaper that made any note of the bout made sure not to mention who it was that Aaron Pryor was fighting!

Arguello has been *persona non grata* in Nicaragua since shortly after the Sandinista Revolution. The Sandinistas confiscated all of Arguello's property after the fighter, who is a national hero, was alleged to have made statements sympathetic to the *contra* revolutionaries while in Miami.

The government press in Nicaragua treats Arguello as a non person and the ban is so severe that the heavily-censored opposition newspaper *La Prenza* is forbidden to mention Alexis' name.

Ernesto Cardenal, the Catholic priest who is Nicaragua's Minister of Culture, intimated that perhaps his country's leaders have made a mistake in their treatment of Arguello. Cardenal said he would like to see Arguello come back to Nicaragua. Arguello wants the Sandinistas to return his property first.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

DAVE SHADE, 81, TOP-RANKING welterweight and middleweight contender of the 1920s and '30s died in South Daytona, Fla. Shade had two shots at the world welterweight title. On February 17, 1922 he decked champion Jack Britton twice, but only earned a draw. Three years later he lost a disputed split decision to Mickey Walker in Yankee Stadium. Shade worked his way up to the top of the middleweight rankings in 1931 but never got a shot at the vacant title. His biggest win was a third round knockout of future light heavyweight champion Jimmy Slattery in 1925. In later years, Shade ran Dave Shade's Cafe in Pittsfield, Mass.

Buddy Knox, 66, 1930s and '40s heavyweight, died in Dayton, Ohio. Knox fought such top heavyweight as Tami Mauriello, Lee Oma, Lou Nova, Joe Baksi, Arturo Godoy and Lee Savold in his 13-year ring career. It was an 8th-round knockout of Knox on May 26, 1941 that earned Billy Conn his famous title fight with Joe Louis three weeks later.

Wilhelm (Willie) George, 66, who trained Dick Tiger and Vincente Rondon among others died in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

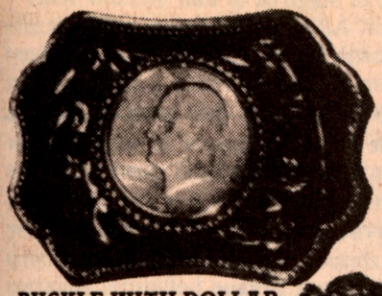
PUNCHLINES

MUHAMMAD ALI, AT THE WBC'S XX anniversary dinner: "I'm coming back . . . to my senses."

Bobby Chacon, at the press conference in which promoter Bob Andreoli announced the upcoming title fight between Chacon and ray Mancini: "People say Ray and I take too many punches. How do they know? Maybe we like taking punches."

A sportswriter, who asked for anonymity: "The Ohio State Athletic Commission is the only athletic commission where all the members have someone else start their cars for them in the morning."

By BEN SHARAV



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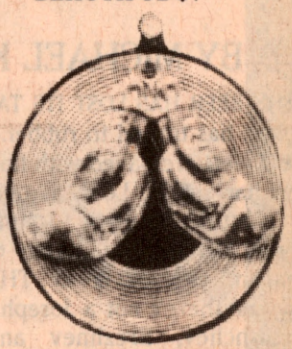

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FRONT PAGE

BY MICHAEL KATZ

THE BEER HAS LOST ITS TASTE AND THE cheese has turned to rubber. In New York, the streets are paved with holes. Deterioration has set in. Look at our most recent Presidents: Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan. Hell, look at THEIR last few leaders: there's not a Joseph Stalin among Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Andropov. Everywhere, mediocrity reigns supreme.

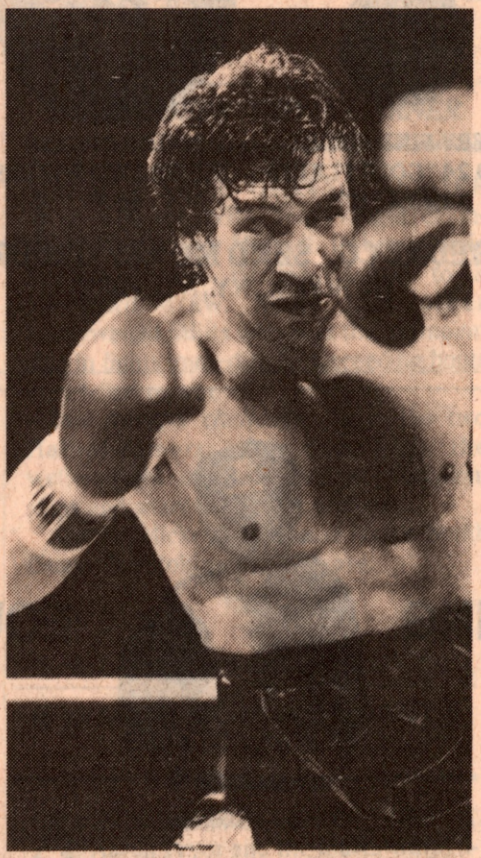
I do not mean, then, to pick on Ray Mancini. He is, at the very least, sincere. Ray Mancini has earned the affection of hardhat boxing fans because Ray Mancini works hard at his trade. He does not cheat himself in training and he comes to fight. It is not Ray Mancini's fault that he is not very good. It is our fault if we swallow the propaganda that elevates Mancini into something special. Like so many of our champions in this Dark Age of boxing, Mancini is not as good as we would like him to be.

By no means is Mancini the least gifted of a current crop of champions that features Oswaldo Ocasio and Bruce Curry. Mancini has a champion's heart and a champion's chin, two dangerous attributes if he should meet someone like Aaron Pryor. He has a decent punch, too, as in the left hook that took out Orlando Romero in the ninth round of his most recent defense of the WBA lightweight title. But Mancini is also one of the best-protected and best-promoted fighters in history. He is a champion in and of the age of mediocrity.

Take Orlando Romero. Please. Bob Arum blames *The New York Times* for reporting that a young sparring partner, Vinnie Pazienza, just about ran Romero out of the ring in one round of work. That cost him a couple of thousand empty seats at Madison Square Garden, Arum moaned. Obviously, the promoter argued, this was no mismatch. Romero was competitive.

He certainly was. The 23-year-old Peruvian was even on my score-card going into the ninth round. But it was not a case of Romero not being as bad as advertised. It was simply that Mancini makes everyone competitive.

Mancini's performance had Bobby Chacon, the first of a series of opponents that could mean seven-figure paydays for the champion, sitting nervously at Madison Square Garden. "You're going to pay my mortgage," Chacon had told Mancini, counting his million-dollar purse (Ray is to get $2 million for their meeting in early December).



For eight rounds, Chacon could see his million slipping away as Mancini, his legs apparently anchored to the canvas, was squarely exposed to the southpaw Romero's counterpunches.

It looked as if Romero could have closed his eyes and hit Mancini with his left. Boom. Boom. Mancini's head was always there. What was not there was the energy and vitality that Mancini showed on his way up from the preliminary ranks.

Perhaps, as David Wolf, Mancini's manager, suggested, it was the result of a seven-month layoff, the result of a broken collarbone. "It took Ray a while to get into his rhythm," said Wolf.

Or perhaps, as suggested Bill Miller, the agent for Alexis Arguello, Mancini's only conqueror in a 27-1 pro career, "It doesn't look as if Mancini has many fights left."

The earnest, hard-working champion has always taken too many punches to delight purists. But now there is talk of him facing such talented fighters as Pryor, Hector Camacho and Howard Davis Jr. after Chacon.

Chacon has seen better days, of course, and he is, after all, a puffed-up featherweight with easy-to-cut skin. While it lasts, a Mancini-Chacon fight will be a highly entertaining brawl with little defense. It is the kind of fight, against the kind of opponent, that Mancini should win.

Pryor, Camacho and Davis are another matter. Entirely. Outside of Arguello, Mancini has never met anything but mediocrities in title bouts. David Wolf has done one of the best managerial jobs in recent history in first bringing Mancini into title contention and then in protecting his fighter. This is the same Wolf who tried to resurrect the career of Duane Bobick and change the occupation of Ed (Too Tall) Jones. In Mancini, Wolf finally struck the mother lode. Or, more precisely, the father lode.

The sentimental, if true, story of Mancini fighting to win a title for his father, Lenny, the original Boom Boom, is the stuff of which movies are made. It was an easy sell, made easier by the fighter's own pleasant boy-next-door wholesomeness. When tragedy struck, with the death of Deuk-Koo Kim, Mancini's trauma was shared with his adoring public. It just made him closer to us.

But lost in the movie script was the fact that Mancini, at the age of 22, was not only improving as a fighter, he was, in fact, getting worse. His best fights came before he challenged Arguello two years ago in his valiant effort against the three-time champion.

Since Arguello he has done nothing to encourage his many fans to believe he could beat a Pryor or a Camacho or a Davis. He won the WBA title from Art Frias, a light-hitting West Coast clubfighter who staggered him before the first-round knockout. He defended it first against Ernesto Espana, the shopworn Venezuelan who was never very good to start with and by now was a bundle of faded reflexes.

Then Mancini had to struggle against the obscure Kim, one of those WBA No. 1 contenders who someday might lead to the sport's banning. Kim was nothing more than a tough, willing club fighter, but the fight was even for 10 rounds. Mancini struggled again to beat George Feeney, a British mediocrity, in a non-title bout earlier this year-the same Feeney whom Davis subsequently dominated for all 10 rounds. And he certainly struggled against Romero.

Romero pushes his right jab, is easy to hit and does not possess any wallop. He is rather orthodox for a southpaw, yet Mancini insisted afterward Romero was "awkward."

"This guy was catching me with shots I didn't know where they were coming from," said Mancini.

That should be a clear warning signal for Mancini to get out. Most of Romero's telling blows were straight left hands, one of the most orthodox punches in a southpaw's repertory.

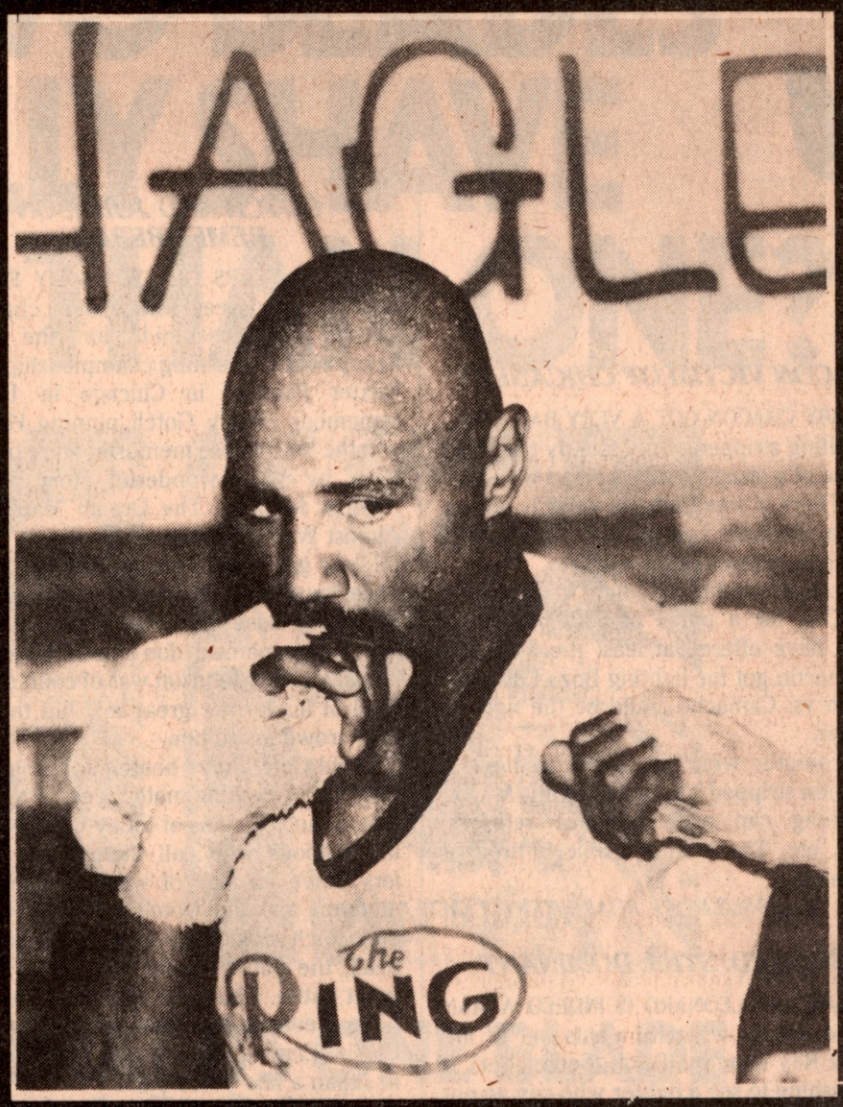
"He'll be dreaming about my left hand," said Romero. "I doubt if he ever wants to see my left again."

Mancini apparently didn't see it at the Garden that night. And if he didn't see Romero's punches, how can his vision improve sufficiently to deal with the quicker-handed Camacho and Davis, who are drooling at the thought of facing Mancini.

It is scary to think of Mancini challenging Pryor. The WBA junior welterweight champ would "seriously hurt Mancini," said Bob Yalen, now an ABC boxing advisor, echoing the common sentiment in boxing.

But Mancini also knows his limitations. He does not want to stay around very long and a Pryor fight would enable him to cash in more chips than would any other match. And, if Mancini challenges Pryor for the 140-pound title and loses, he could then come back down and get in another big payday in defense of his 135-pound crown, perhaps against Camacho, perhaps against Davis or even perhaps against the now-retired Arguello.

I would make Mancini an underdog against all these possible opponents. In fact, there may be another ten or so fighters who could beat this world champion, starting with Edwin Rosario, the WBC champion, and including Roger Mayweather, the WBA 130-pound champion, Robin Blake (imagine if the southpaw Blake was landing the same left hands that Romero was), Jimmy Paul, Jose Luis Ramirez (Mancini's finest victory could easily be reversed by the Mexican), Cubanito Perez, Melvin Paul, Alvin Hayes, Roberto Elizondo and on and on. In fact, if I were not covering those fights, I'd probably be rooting for Mancini. Mediocrity, after all, isn't everything. And though they are not brewing beer the way they used to, I'll probably go right on drinking the stuff anyway.



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COME OUT WRITING

CHACON VICTIM OF CHICANERY

BOBBY CHACON GOT A VERY BAD DEAL, getting stripped of his title by the WBC because of a disagreement he had with Don King. There is something drastically wrong when a promoter has the power to have a champion stripped of his title.

Chacon was right not to fight Camacho for Don King for a purse of $200,000. King should have offered at least the $450,000 that Chacon got for fighting Boza-Edwards. Chacon vs. Camacho could be the fight of the year.

A promoter with the power to have a champion stripped is ruining boxing. Maybe Don King can also influence referees, judges, etc. The boxing public is tired of such deals.

LES SIZEMORE, ROARK, KENTUCKY.

LEONARD: STILL DOMINANT

SUGAR RAY LEONARD IS INDEED A MAN who knows what he wants out of life ("Sugar Ray Leonard Talks", September). It is refreshing to see a fighter who can go out while on top and not have any regrets over it. Leonard was the greatest fighter in the world, albeit for a short period of time. He has said goodbye to that part of his life, but he's still a dominant personality. He shows a maturity that Muhammad Ali never seemed to have.

CURT McCLEOD, SPOKANE, WASH.

I REALLY WANTED TO RETIRE WHEN I fought Willie "Fireball" Rodriguez," claims Sugar Ray Leonard. Leonard seems to be a bit of a jokester. I mean, the Willie Rodriguez fight was Leonard's second pro bout. He fought 29 more times after that.

Later on Leonard says that when he demanded that Marvin Hagler come down in weight to fight him "That was all baloney . . . My talk was just for the press." Somehow, I can't help but wonder any time Leonard says anything if it's really "all baloney." He always seems to be working on packaging Sugar Ray Leonard.

TERRENCE VANCE, PHOENIX, ARIZ.

GOTCH AND JOHNSON REMEMBERED

I WAS 10 YEARS OLD WHEN MY FATHER took me to see Frank Gotch challenge George Hackenschmidt for the world heavyweight wrestling championship at the Dexter Pavilion in Chicago in 1908. I remember clearly Gotch pinning Hack to win the belt. Those memories were brought back by your wonderful story, "Gotch Against Johnson: The Dream Match That Almost Was" (September).

I only got to see Jack Johnson in the ring once. I was about 21 then and Johnson must have been close to 45. He knocked out some guy whose name I don't remember in Tijuana, Mexico. Johnson was of course only a shell of his former great self, but the Mexican crowd loved him.

Could Gotch have beaten Johnson in the ring? In a wrestling match, yes; in a boxing match, no. The fans of today who see those fat buffoons who call themselves "wrestlers" have no idea of what a magnificent athlete a man like Gotch was. Had Johnson and Gotch tangled when both were at their peak, the public would have seen a truly great battle. I have no doubt that it would have been better than that farce that Cassius Clay engaged in with that "wrestler" in Japan a few years back.

WALTER SMITH, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

FEARLESS FORECAST

YOUR FEATURE ON THE HEAVYWEIGHTS ("After Holmes, Who?", August) was quite good but your forecast was too short range in scope. Here is my long range view of where the current crop of heavyweight contenders will be in 10 years:

Michael Dokes—Flunky of "Dynamite" Don King (who will possibly carry him for the rest of his life).

Mike Weaver—Retired at the most beautiful countryside of Mount Obscurity.

Greg Page—The fastest 340-pound, short-order cook at the "Muhammad Ali Style Chicken Palace".

Gerrie Coetzee—South African delegate, trying to get a seat at the U.N. (After all, politics follows his every move.)

Pinklon Thomas—A travelling salesman who can't place too many orders.

Renaldo "Mr." Snipes—Studying at the Gene Kelly dance studios.

Tim Witherspoon—Fighting in the style and tradition of Jimmy "I-should-have-retired" Young.

S.T. Gordon—A truck driver who can't stop cruisin'.

Randall "Tex" Cobb—The hottest stand-up comedian, with the worst jokes this side of Las Vegas.

JAMES HASH JR., APPOMATTOX, VA.

CONGRESS SHOULD STAY OUT OF BOXING

BRAVO TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTatives for voting down the formation of a Congressional panel to study boxing (*Round One*, September). Your flippant remark about Congressmen getting lost in the pages was most irrelevant.

The vast majority of people in this country don't give a hoot in hell about boxing. It's the height of arrogance for anyone to demand that the Congress become involved in regulating the sport.

I am a boxing fan but I'm smart enough to realize that most people are not. I don't need Congress to come in and regulate it; they'd probably wind up trying to ban it anyway. It was a wise move on the part of the conservatives in the House to resist the headline-grabbers who wanted to involve the Congress in the boxing business.

FRANK LESSIG, CARSON CITY, NEV.

MUSTAFA MERITS SHOT

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF SEEING BOXERS, such as Roberto Duran bypass everyone in the top ten and go straight to a title shot. Fighters like Fletcher, Shuler and most of all Hamsho are fighting their asses off to get in the ring with Hagler. Hamsho has fought everyone and their mother since his loss to Hagler two years ago to pull himself back to number one in the rankings. He surely convinced me that he deserves another title shot by his one-sided victory over Benitez. But yet, Duran beats a one-eyed (due to a first-round thumb) Davey Moore in a junior middleweight fight and right away he jumps into a middleweight title fight with Hagler.

Duran should have to go the same route Benitez had to. Not necessarily against Hamsho, but at least Fletcher, Sibson or even Parker would be a fair test to see if he belongs in the ring with Hagler. Benitez shuts out Duran, Hamsho shuts out Benitez and Duran gets the shot at the title. What sense does that make?

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q What was Jack Dempsey's correct record?

—MERTON BENIKOFF
Yonkers, New York

A *Recent research on Jack's early bouts has resulted in a 62-6-10 log in the 1983 Ring Record Book. (Four of the wins and two of the draws are based on newspaper opinions of "no decision" bouts.)*

Q How does the 10-point "must" system work?

—DON PHILLIPS

A *The winner of the round receives 10, the loser nine or less, depending on the closeness of the round. If the round is scored even, the boxers receive 10 points each. If points are deducted for infractions of the rules, the points are taken off the boxers' total score up to that time. Thus, if a fighter was leading, 60 to 54 at the end of six rounds, and he won the seventh round, 10-9, but lost a point due to a foul in the seventh, the total score at the end of seven rounds would be 69 to 63 instead of 70-63. All clear?*

Q Who have been boxing's "triple champions?"

—RODOLFO H. CASTRO
Banning, Calif.

A *Bob Fitzsimmons (middleweight, heavyweight, light heavyweight), Tony Canzoneri (featherweight, lightweight, junior welter), Barney Ross (lightweight, junior welter, welterweight), Henry Armstrong (featherweight, welterweight, lightweight), Wilfred Benitez (junior welterweight, welter, junior middle), and Alexis Arguello (featherweight, junior lightweight, lightweight). Canzoneri also fought for the world's bantam title, Armstrong for the middleweight, and Arguello for the junior welter.*

Q Who was the last American world flyweight champion?

—ERIC LICHTENSTEIN
New York, N.Y.

A *Salvador (Dado) Marino, who won the crown by beating Terry Allen on August 1, 1950, was born in Honolulu, then a U.S. territory and now a state, in 1916. The last world flyweight champ born on the mainland was Midget Wolgast.*

Q Was Sugar Ray Leonard ever floored as a professional?

—HERMAN DENT
St. Louis, Mo.

A *No.*

Q Who did Bob Foster beat to win the world light heavyweight title?

—FRANCIS PANGHLAN
Kings Park, N.Y.

A *Dick Tiger.*

Q I have a bet with a friend. I say that, of the heavyweight champions, Primo Carnera was the heaviest (260), Bob Fitzsimmons was the lightest (165), Jess Willard was the tallest (6'6¼"), and Tommy Burns was the shortest (5'7"). Am I right?

—RAY DOYLE
Phoenix, Ariz.

A *Yes. Certain sources list Willard as only 6'5¼" and Carnera as 6'5½", but height readings can vary as much as ¾", depending on the time of day the measurement is taken. The Ring, at least for now, lists Willard as 6'6¼" and Carnera as 6'5¾".*

Q What is the difference between a "no decision" and a "no contest" bout?

—PAUL SOYKA
Montreal, Quebec

A *A "no decision" bout is one which goes the scheduled distance, but in which no official decision is rendered. A "no contest" is one which fails to go the scheduled distance due to lack of action, disqualification of both participants, an unforeseen calamity such as a sudden rainstorm, hailstorm, etc., or some other inconclusive, unsatisfactory outcome.*

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

IN MY MANY TRAVELS TO THE BIG APPLE, I often run into that great former world class featherweight of the 1930s, Little Petey Hayes, known as the "Saugerties Buzzsaw" during his ring years. Rated in the top ten featherweight boxers in the U.S.—even becoming the third-ranked featherweight from 1934 to '35—he boxed main events in Madison Square Garden and Ebbets Field, beating some of the best in the fight game. Hayes took on the great Kid Chocolate at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and won the fight convincingly, flooring the "Keed" four times during the ten-round match. Others he tangled with were Pete Sanstol, Vidal Gregorio, Varias Milling, Lew Feldman, Charley Van Reeden, Mike Belloise, Leo Rodak, Al Roth, Pete DeGrasse, Frankie Kid Covelli and the great Johnny Farr of Cleveland. Managed by Frankie Jay Jacobs and trained by Freddie Brown, Hayes was born on Oct. 11, 1911 on his parents' farm in Pine Grove, N.Y., in the Saugerties area. Between fights he would return to his parents' farm for R&R, the farm also serving as a training camp for many prominent fighters of the era who trained side-by-side with Hayes. However, due to weak hands which proved to be Petey's constant nemesis throughout his active career—he broke his hand in a fight with Lew Feldman in 1935—Petey slowly dropped out of the top-ten ratings. After his retirement, Petey worked as a tour-coordinator for a travel agency in Manhattan, where he now lives.

Do You Remember?...Lloyd Marshall and Jimmy Bivins, a couple of old pros visiting gyms and playgrounds around Cleveland, Ohio, while they reminisce about their boxing days...Marshall, now 68 years old—one of the best fighters in Cleveland when fight fans packed the Arena—fought 127 pro fights, including 12 against men who later became champions, yet never had a title bout. No champion would risk his title against him. Bivins, 63 years of age, was known as "duration champion" in both the light heavy and heavyweight division during WW II. The champions of that era also avoided him in title bouts. Marshall, after 218 amateur fights and winning the National Golden Gloves Middleweight championship, moved to Sacramento, Calif., where professional boxing was flourishing. It was the Depression year of 1936 and Marshall was reduced to sleeping and training at the ball park until he got his chance to fight, a chance he made good on, taking on everyone and anyone who would get into the ring with him. He is now retired from a factory job and has been visiting in Cleveland with his boyhood friend, Jimmy Bivins, who now teaches boxing at a Cleveland West Side community center. With TV making boxers of lesser ability into millionaires, both men wish they were fighting today...and I'm sure they are not the only pros thinking the same thing.

Remember?...Johnny Craven, former lightweight from Conshohocken, Pa. ...Now living in Tampa, Fla., Johnny was a popular fighter and turned down no fight offer. With 160 fights behind him, Johnny decided to go in another direction. He is now known as the Dancer Clown who entertains children and hospital patients by dressing as a clown, jumping rope and telling jokes and funny stories. Craven, who is in his 70's, still trains and does roadwork...

In these days of "Johnnys come lately" calling for boxing reform proposals such as the 90-second rest period, standing eight-count, and 12-round title bouts, let's go back to New Year's Day in 1915 when Battling Levinsky awoke to face one of the most enduring days in ring history. In a Brooklyn morning encounter he went ten rounds with tough Bartley Madden; then a subway ride to Manhattan took him to another 10 with Soldier Kearns before catching a three-hour train ride to Waterbury, Conn. where Gunboat Smith awaited him in a 12-rounder, all heavyweights and him a 175 pounder yet to gain the world title...

Frank "Hank Cisco" Ciaccio, former welterweight from Norristown, Pa. and a brother of the late Tony Cisco, ex-middleweight great, is now a referee for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. Ciacco was recently inducted into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame this past May 8, 1983. Hank is now a county detective for the district attorney's office of Montgomery County, Pa. He has been cited many times in the past for his great work with the youngsters as a former Norristown police sergeant and head of the Juvenile Department.

Of recent he has had national exposure on NBC-TV with top ranking bouts in Scranton and Lancaster, Pa. A good number of years ago, at the urging of Dave Zinkoff, Spectrum Voice of the 76ers, Cisco undertook the job of providing monthly boxing exhibitions for patients at the Veterans Hospital, in Coatesville, Pa. Only recently, The "Zink" presented Hank with a plaque of appreciation that very much describes the gentleman: "Policeman, Teacher, Referee, All-Around Nice Guy."...

On October 23, 1983, the VBA of New York, Ring 8, proudly saluted and honored Charles "Chuck Halper" Gellman as "Man of the Year" at the Loew's Summit Hotel in New York City. Gellman is a former President of the Greater New York Hospital Association and also Director of many prestigious organizations, but it is as a Humanitarian that he is best known...A great human being with a big heart whose passion is doing good for others, Gellman has helped scores of indigent boxers, also many outstanding champions and contenders as well as trainers and others too numerous to mention. Because of his loyal kindness—and particularly with those in the boxing world—Charles Gellman is a beloved figure. As Chuck Halper, he had 65 pro bouts, winning all but six. Gellman-Halper never fought for the championship, but nevertheless he is every inch a champion, a gentleman, a humanitarian and a man with great compassion..."Congratulations to a nice guy and friend"...

Glad Tidings...

During the month of August, **Daniel J. Cremens, Sr.** passed away in Boston. A long-time active member of Ring 4, Boston, and a former secretary, Dan was a great boxer in his earlier years, and a popular civic leader, active in many local and veteran's activities...

Lou Forman, who was the General Counsel and Executive Secretary of the National Veteran Boxers Assoc., died of a heart attack on August 25, 1983, while vacationing in Bermuda. Lou was 71 years of age. Condolescences are extended to Mrs. Molly Forman, who, with Lou, has been a familiar figure in VBA circles for many years... REST in PEACE.

COETZEE GETS IT RIGHT THE THIRD TIME

by Bert Randolph Sugar

RICHFIELD, OHIO, IS A SUBURB IN SEARCH OF a city. Situated somewhere between Akron and Cleveland—not only in alphabetical order, but also in order of proximity—Richfield is reachable only by following a well-laid trail of breadcrumbs. In this unlikely place stands an equally unlikely building—called the Richfield Coliseum for lack of a better name—its sandcastle-like columns rising like the twin towers of Oz above the neighboring pastures, more forbidding than inviting to customers and participants alike.

But somehow, defying even Mssrs. Rand and McNally, 4,500 paying customers, 15 pickets and two fighters all found their way to Richfield on the night of September 23rd, there to participate in something as rare as Haley's Comet: the changing of the heavyweight championship.

The participants in this historical jolly-hop were not only in search of Richfield and its Coliseum, they came in search of something more, much more. The reigning WBA champion, Michael "Dynamite" Dokes from nearby Akron, came in search of recognition, respect and a boxing identity; the challenger to the throne, Gerrie Coetzee from faraway Boksburg, South Africa, came in search of the most prestigious bauble in all of sports, the heavyweight championship, in this his third and final try for boxing's brass ring. Still, both fighters and the very promotion itself—labeled "The Buckeye Homecoming" by the fanciful promoter, Don King—were doomed by the shadow that Larry Holmes and his WBC belt cast, reducing the fight and the fighters to a second-class status.

But for the moment, Larry Holmes or no, the spotlight fell squarely on the sturdy shoulders of Gerrie Coetzee. And he made the most of his opportunity.

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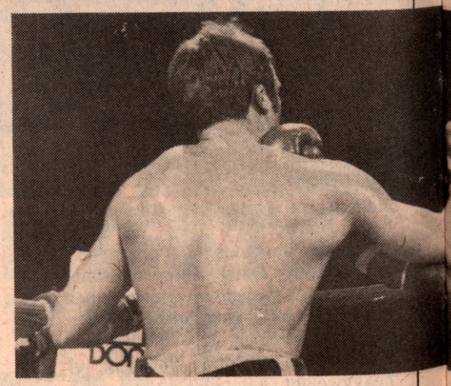

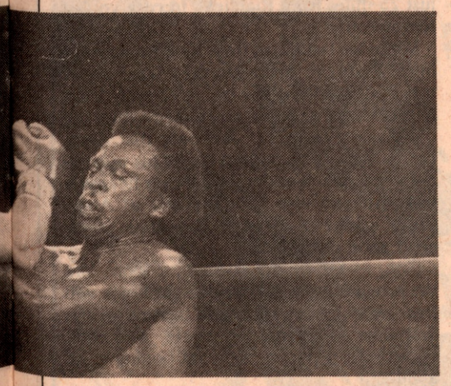

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August 14, 1955, in Boksburg, Transvaal. Plagued by a severe case of asthma in his early years—so severe that at times he had to battle to breathe—young "Gerrie" was forced into the gym by his father "Flip," an amateur boxer of note in his youth, who thought that exercise was the best tonic. That, and the fact that his father threatened to deprive him of his weekly allowance (one "kroon," or fifty cents) if he failed to continue his training, drove the seven-year-old to fight.

Apparently the medicine took. Within two years the asthma had been cured; by the age of 19 he had won 210 of 212 amateur bouts, 192 by knockout.

With no more amateur worlds to conquer ("I was asked to go easy in the Transvaal Championships so other boxers would have a chance"), and barred from international competition because of what amounted to a worldwide boycott of South Africa (which conceivably cost him an opportunity to fight Teofilio Stevenson in the 1972 Olympics), the nineteen-year-old Coetzee turned pro in 1974 with a four-round win over Chris Roos

With a straight-up—almost European—style, fast feet and faster hands, Coetzee ran off 21 straight wins, 11 of them by knockout, in the process winning the South African Heavyweight Championship. But something happened on his way to those 21 wins that would alter his career—and his image—forever. For in successfully defending his South African Heavyweight Championship against Mike Schutte in April of 1977, Coetzee fractured the second metacarpal bone in his right hand. The undefeated 22-year-old champion had to repair to his home to undergo surgery to repair his hand.

The hand, so badly smashed that is was feared Coetzee's promising career was at an end, was operated on. The hand was no longer a hand, but instead, a fist. For the doctor who had operated on the hand—and, whose name, as one South African newspaper tactfully put it, "Cannot be published for ethical reasons"—removed the smashed joints and cartilage and fused the scraped bones together, welding raw bone to raw bone. The result? The hand was fixed in a hitting position, making it into what the doctor called, "a rock fist," one that "could punch holes in a brick wall."

Coetzee, who had endured what was to be the first of 15 hand operations, found a silver lining in his setback: "I had to correct the broken metacarpus in my right hand or quit fighting. They operated and suddenly I found that my fight hand became a knockout punch. Before that, I was just a boxer. Now, they had to respect my punching power, too."

But if he had developed a knockout punch, he had also gone right-hand crazy as well. After knocking out Johnny Boudreaux with a left hand in Johannesburg in December of 1977, his left hand strangely was put into moth balls, all the better to use his "Bionic" right.

He unleashed that "Bionic" extremity just three times against former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks in his first internationally televised fight and, in 123 seconds, three times drove the ex-champ to the canvas, face first. Suddenly, in June of 1979, a new face, accompanied by a new hand, emerged on the international heavyweight horizon.

To some Gerrie Coetzee was a "White Hope," a term used to describe every six-foot heavyweight with the right skin pigmentation. To some he was the symbol of a racist government, one engaged in the despicable practice of Apartheid. And to some he was the conqueror of Leon Spinks, nothing more.

For the next four years the man whose name the world had come to pronounce "Harry Coat-see-ah"—with a throat-clearing CH, as in Chanaukah—was to remain that new face, nothing more, as he got two chances at a portion of the heavyweight championship, and walked away empty-handed each time. Each time, first against John Tate and then against Mike Weaver, his stamina had been suspect; even, some intimated, his heart.

But, like Lazarus, he continued to rise to the top of the WBA rankings, and, finally got his third chance, this time against Michael Dokes in a place that sounded strangely like Richfield, Ohio.

The sparse crowd, many of whom came disguised as empty seats, greeted the initial appearance into the arena of Coetzee with the sound of one hand applauding. Maybe the size of the crowd could be attributed to the failure of the "walk-up" crowd to materialize, as Don King had anticipated, though God knows what cow pasture they would have walked up from. Or maybe it was HBO's half-price subscription offer in Akron built around the fight on installation costs for all new subscribers built around the fight (although one Warner Amex official admitted, "We picked up a few hundred subscribers when, quite frankly, we were looking for several thousand," indicating the drawing power of Dokes.) Whatever the reason, it was the greatest turnout in Ohio sports history since a University of Michigan pep rally was scheduled in Columbus the night before an Ohio State football game.

Then, as Coetzee and his small entourage—even too small to qualify for an official "entourage" listing in The Ring Record Book by current standards—entered the ring, the 1,800 South Africans finally caught a glimpse of their hero and set up the chant "Har-ree, Har-ree. . ," proving once again that a two-syllabic name is necessary for a chant in any language. Climbing through the ropes, the challenger did what looked like a victory lap in advance of the event, a prophetic gesture as it was to turn out, but looking slightly out of place before the fight. His arms held akimbo over his head, Coetzee trotted around the ring three or four times, further inciting his fans to cheer his name. Then, as he awaited the appearance of his adversary, Coetzee played with his maise-and-blue trunks, not knowing they would give him more trouble during the fight than Dokes.

Finally, Michael Dokes emerged from his dressing room into the arena with a phalanx of followers led by Tim Witherspoon and Alfredo Evangelista, all running like Tokyo police charging a crowd of demonstrators. Covered by what appeared to be his normal coat of sweat—but which later turned out upon investigation, to be only a covering of vaseline—the champion toured the ring, throwing roses, as is his custom, randomly into the crowd.

After the obligatory psyche attempt by Dokes, the two combatants were introduced to the crowd: "At 215, from South Africa, now living in America. . .the challenger, Ger-rie Coat-see. . .", cheers and a smattering of boos; "And, at 217, Akron's own Michael 'Dynamite' Dokes. . ." cheers, but only slightly louder for the homer. A brief set of instructions by referee Tony Perez

and the two retired to their respective corners, Dokes to bounce up and down some more in preparation, no doubt, for his burst from the starting gate, and Coetzee to fidget some more with his trunks.

At the bell Dokes came out warily, flat-footed, no evidence of his patented charging from the stall as if he were a rodeo rider atop "Rusty from chute 10." Coetzee peered over his gloves with an incredulous look tapped them together twice and then threw two short jabs and rushed in behind a right to the body. After Perez stepped between them, Coetzee took two steps backward, looked to see if Dokes was going to mount an attack, and, ascertaining he wasn't, came rushing in again behind two rights to the head, bulling Dokes into the ropes. It was a pattern that would be repeated many times throughout the fight: Dokes surprisingly flat-footed and Coetzee using a left hand nobody know he possessed and effectively, too—a tribute to the coaching of Jackie McCoy.

The second round found Coetzee rushing in behind combinations. The first one he threw—a left to the head and a right to the body—caused Dokes to wince and seemingly set the tone of the entire fight, Dokes now intimidated by Coetzee's famed right and confused by his unknown left. By the middle of the second Dokes' corner was hollering "Here he comes" as if to signal Dokes when to throw punches, he seemingly having no other clue. But Dokes didn't need advice so much as aspirin...and a baseball bat. Backed to the ropes at the end of the second Dokes got off a left hook to the oncoming Coetzee, cutting him on the corner of the right eye, causing blood to trickle down his face and stimulating Dokes to throw a bevy of lefts as Coetzee countered with a right and two good left hooks of his own.

The third was Dokes' best round as he tried to work the eye which had rejected the ministrations of Coetzee's corner between rounds, still bleeding at the bell for the third. By the fourth, eye mended and storm weathered, Coetzee was back to his gameplan, throwing combinations and an astounding number of left hooks. In a little bit of mid-ring byplay, Coetzee turned to referee Perez to indicate Dokes had caught him with a low blow while Dokes waved his hand horizontally, indicating it was above the beltline. Coetzee altered his left-right pattern only once in the fourth to lead with a right, catching Dokes watching for the left to come out first.

The fifth began with Coetzee waving his right hand in the air, making arc-like moves with it, an omen of what was to follow. Coetzee threw a right and a wicked left hook, backing up Dokes, missed with a right, then planted his newly-found left squarely on Dokes' jaw, forcing his head back, and came over the top with a straight hand high on the jaw. Dokes went down for the first time in his career, and although he was up before Perez had intoned one, he now had felt the power of the Coetzee right.

At the start of the sixth, Dokes came out of his corner drenched with water, his mouth open—drooling almost enough to cover any part of his body that hadn't been reached by his cornermen's sponge—and walked straight into yet another Coetzee left. Coetzee continually stuck out his left now, loading up with his right, and, in doing so, gave the round away to Dokes, who scored with several of his own lefts, totally eschewing his right.

Round seven, with his supporters now chanting "Har-ree, Har-ree..." Coetzee came out of his corner intent on inflicting some damage. He connected with his first punch, a right to the body, causing Dokes to wince again, and then, as if to alter the metronomic beat, came back with a left. Midway through the round he caught Dokes with a good right, causing Dokes to take on the look of a smaller version of Niagara Falls as water sprayed all over the ring. Coetzee was now pressing his advantage, moving forward continually and catching Dokes with rights and even, gasp!, left hooks. Dokes was reduced to standing on the ropes and throwing his vaunted left hook in desperation, sometimes even with his eyes shut in a hope against hope he could catch his tormentor with one good one. But it was not to be as Dokes' legs were now beginning to show the effect of Coetzee's punches.

With the words "Uppercut" ringing in his ears, Coetzee came out for the eighth and tried to catch the now tiring Dokes with a right uppercut. But Dokes fought back and got the better of the infighting, the last time he would be in the fight.

Nine saw both come out on their toes, the first time Dokes had shown any of his old verve. Still, it was Coetzee who was beating Dokes to the punch, at one time catching the retreating soon-to-be-ex-champion with four straight lefts, punctuated by a good left hook. He had never looked so good nor conversely had Dokes ever looked so bad—except perhaps, when he once fought to a draw with the pathetic Ossie Ocasio. By the end of the ninth the weary Dokes sought out his corner much like a condemned man. Little could he or the crowd know how close to the truth he was.

The fateful tenth saw a watered-down Dokes emerge from his corner exhorted on by Don King's hysterical screams of "Come on Michael." And yet the man they called "Dynamite" had never shown any of his old explosiveness, in fact, exhibiting only a slight flame that couldn't singe a nearby sleeve. And if that were true in the first, by the tenth he had taken on the look of a flacid water hose, its power shut off, its end in sight.

As Coetzee landed left after left, he had Dokes flinching, trying to move away from his left, a complete departure from Michael's pre-fight battle plan that had him moving away from Coetzee's famed right. Coetzee was putting his combinations to work now, throwing lefts and rights, rights and lefts and just about anything else imaginable—all catching the retreating Dokes. Towards the end of the round Coetzee caught Dokes with a left and a right, another combination that drove him into the ropes and then reverted to form, throwing 13 straight right hands to the unprotected head of Dokes. ("I felt every bone in my hand was moving," Coetzee was to say after the fight..."This guy's going...Bugger this, I've got to stayt on top of him and throw on more.") And so, in the "throws" of agony, Coetzee "buggered" it and threw two more, more pushing than driving the by-now semi-conscious Dokes to the floor in a spread-eagle position, his right hand futilely grasping the middle rope to break his face-forward fall.

As referee Tony Perez hovered above the perfectly still body of Dokes, the bell rang. But with the bell unable to save a stricken fighter, Perez completed his toll of ten at what turned out to be 3:08 of the tenth round. Then he turned around to raise the right hand of Coetzee—for that matter, he could have raised his left hand instead—only to find the new champ emulating his predecessor in one respect: He had thrown himself to the floor just as Dokes had upon "winning" the title from Weaver—although there are those, like former USA champ Ernie Terrel, who believe Dokes never was champ, having never beaten Weaver—filled with the excitement of the moment. His moment.

No sooner had the fight come to its stunning end than Don King had somehow insinuated himself into center ring, undoubtedly having already memorized the names of Coetzee's two kids—and the third, to be born the next day in Cleveland (that's just 25 miles from Richfield, in case you've forgotten!)

When we last heard from King he was saying, "They can say what they want about me, but I put the show on...The guy from another land gave me more credit than my own countrymen..." Not only that, Don, he also gave you options on all his upcoming title fights. Wonder if we'll ever hear you call someone else "The Apostle of Apartheid" again? Or, does good business transcend good politics?

And, as for Gerrie Coetzee, it looks like the new kid on the heavyweight block will freshen up the heavyweight picture for the first time in almost ten years. And that, regardless of politics, is what boxing is all about!

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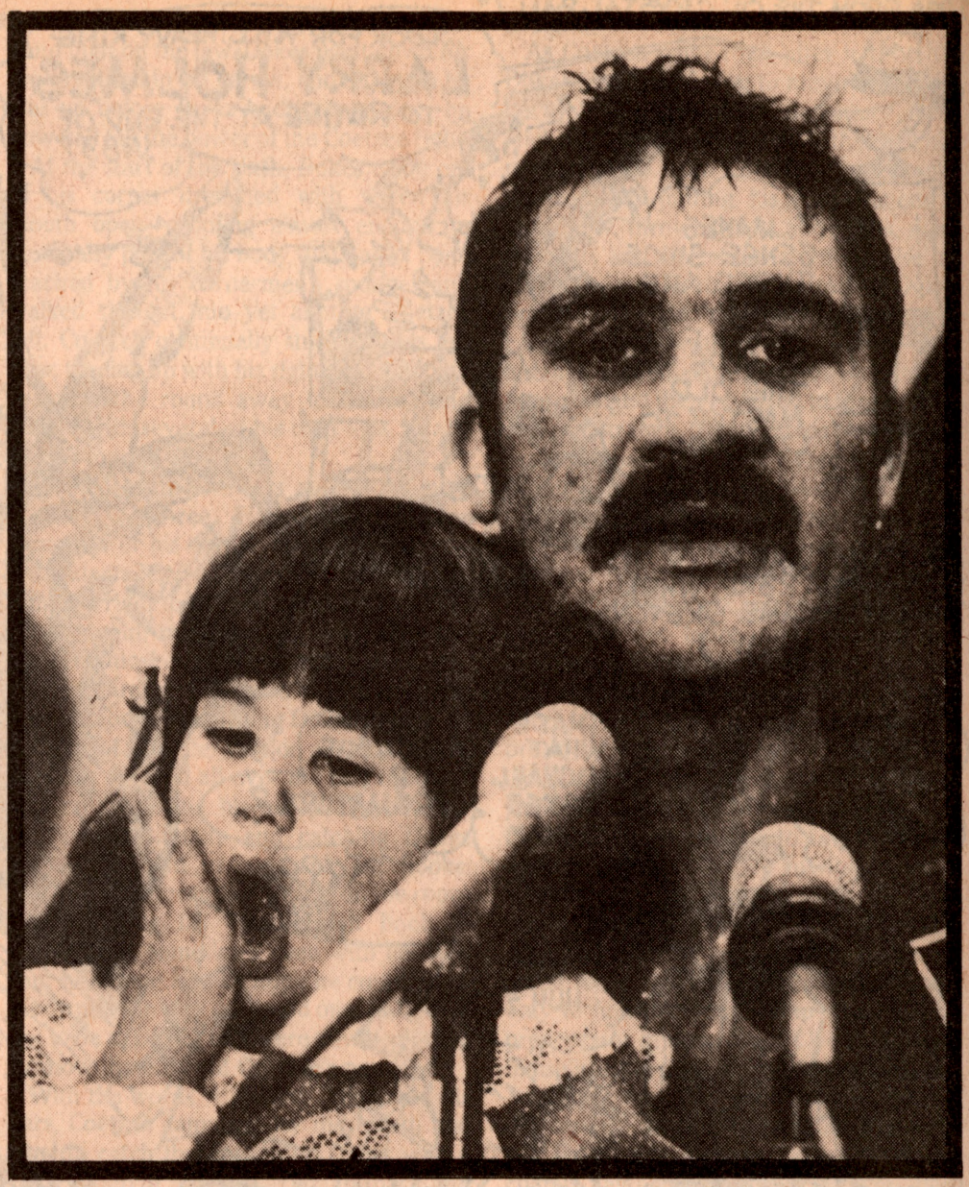

"WHAT WILL YOU NAME THE BABY?" A newsman asked Gerrie Coetzee on the morning of his first full day as WBA world heavyweight champion, a day in which Rina Coetzee was to give birth by Caesarian opreration at Cleveland's Municipal Hospital to the couple's third child.

"If it's a boy, we might name him Don," responded Coetzee, bringing guffaws from the reporters assembled for the "day-after" press conference in the meeting room of the Lakeside Holiday Inn.

"Don," as everyone in the room knew was boxing's "Don," Don King, who just 12 hours earlier had been seated at ringside, cheering lustily for Michael Dokes. But when Coetzee knocked Dokes out in the 10th round, the man with the widest grin in the house, the man who jubilantly embraced the new champion, was Don King.

King had good reason for smiling. The black promoter has the white South African tied up as tight as any promoter can legally tie up a fighter. Many people in boxing wonder why Coetzee, with his manager Pater Venison and his promotional representative Cedric Kushner signed an exclusive promotional agreement with King this year, an agreement which will remain in force for as long as Coetzee holds his title.

COETZEE-DOKES SCORECARDS

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Judge Fernando Viso										
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DOKES	9	9	10	9	8	10	9	10	9	83

(Total Through Nine Rounds)

Coetzee was already ranked number one by the WBA when he signed the deal and was thus guaranteed a mandatory title shot by WBA rules within nine months of Dokes' May defense against Mike Weaver.

In the interview room at the Richfield Coliseum immediately after he won the title, Coetzee said, "I won my title in America and I will defend it in America. I will fight whoever Mr. Kushner and Mr. King want."

Kushner and Venison expressed full confidence and satisfaction with their agreement with King. King made it a big point to emphasize that Coetzee would never defend the crown in South Africa, whose politics King denounced.

But just one week after the fight, Kushner seemed less than fully satisfied with King. Kushner told reporter Michael Katz that Coetzee's people would like to start off with relatively easy defenses against John Tate (who beat Coetzee three years ago but has since fallen considerably) and Tex Cobb before challenging Larry Holmes in a multimillion dollar unification bout. Kushner added that they would like to put at

least on of those fights in South Africa where Coetzee could cash in handsomely on his new national-hero status. King however said that he plans to match Coetzee with tough Tim Witherspoon (a fighter who like Dokes, is managed by King's stepson Carl) and then stage a rematch with Dokes.

It may be only a matter of time before there is open friction between Coetzee and King. Lucky for Gerrie, his baby turned out to be a girl and he did not name the child "Don."

BEN SHARAV

HOLMES VS. COETZEE?

NOW THAT GERRIE COETZEE HAS STUCK HIS big right fist into the heavyweignt pond and stirred it up, the resulting ripples can be felt throughout boxing, reaching all the way to Larry Holmes and his retirement plans.

Holmes had planned to retire after making one or two more defenses of his WBC crown, depending upon whose story and rationale one listened to. According to one scenario he would fight Marvis Frazier and then the number-one-rated Greg Page in his valedictory for megabucks, then retire to his Easton mansion, all the better to enjoy the fruits of his labors. Another one had him ending his career with the Marvis Frazier fight, having merely promised Jose Sulaiman that he would fight Page somewhere down the road to stop Jose from stripping him of his title (something Jose is reluctant to do, viewing Holmes not only as "a friend" but also having recently elected him as one of the WBC's six top fighters of the last 20 years). Moreover, if he were to step down after the Frazier fight and before Page, it would be in keeping with his promise to his wife that he would retire by the end of the year and his determination not to put another farthing in promoter Don King's already overstuffed pockets.

But all that was B. C.—Before Coetzee and his "Bionic" right separated Michael Dokes from his senses and his WBA heavyweight crown as well.

Coetzee's win proved the wisdom of such long-time boxing watchers as Angelo Dundee who once said, "Just when everything in boxing is set, just when it looks like the sport has hit a lull, something sure as hell will happen to bring it back to life again..." That "something" is the half-championship won by Coetzee.

Will Holmes now postpone his retirement to fight Coetzee for the unified heavyweight championship, going so far as to step around both Page and his promise to his bride?

He began his mini-campaign for such a fight almost before the count of ten was tolled over the prone Dokes, telling one caller, "If the people want the fight, I'll do it instead of fighting Marvis Frazier. It just depends on the money; that's what I'm boxing for..." This from a man who not only refused to shake the gently proferred hand of Coetzee at one of Holmes' fights, but also told a gathering of newsmen in New Orleans that he would "never face a South African" and punctuating his remarks by having Jesse Jackson make them again for him.

It's the bet here that Holmes has one more fight in him after facing Marvis Frazier. But the question before the floor is "Who?" Will Jose Sulaiman be the beneficiary of his decision or will money do the talking? Our considered opinion is that Holmes will reconsider his options after the Frazier fight and first announce his retirement, only to be coaxed "out of retirement"—in much the same way Marvelous Marvin Hagler was by the promise of a big payday against Roberto Duran—by a big, big payday against Coetzee with Greg Page put on hold.

In that way Larry can acquit himself on all scores: keeping his promise to "retire" to his wife, making that one big payday he wants before finally calling it a day and, finally, not risking his crown against Page for Don King.

And the ripples go on, with the heavyweight championship bobbing in the waves made by Coetzee and his right hand.

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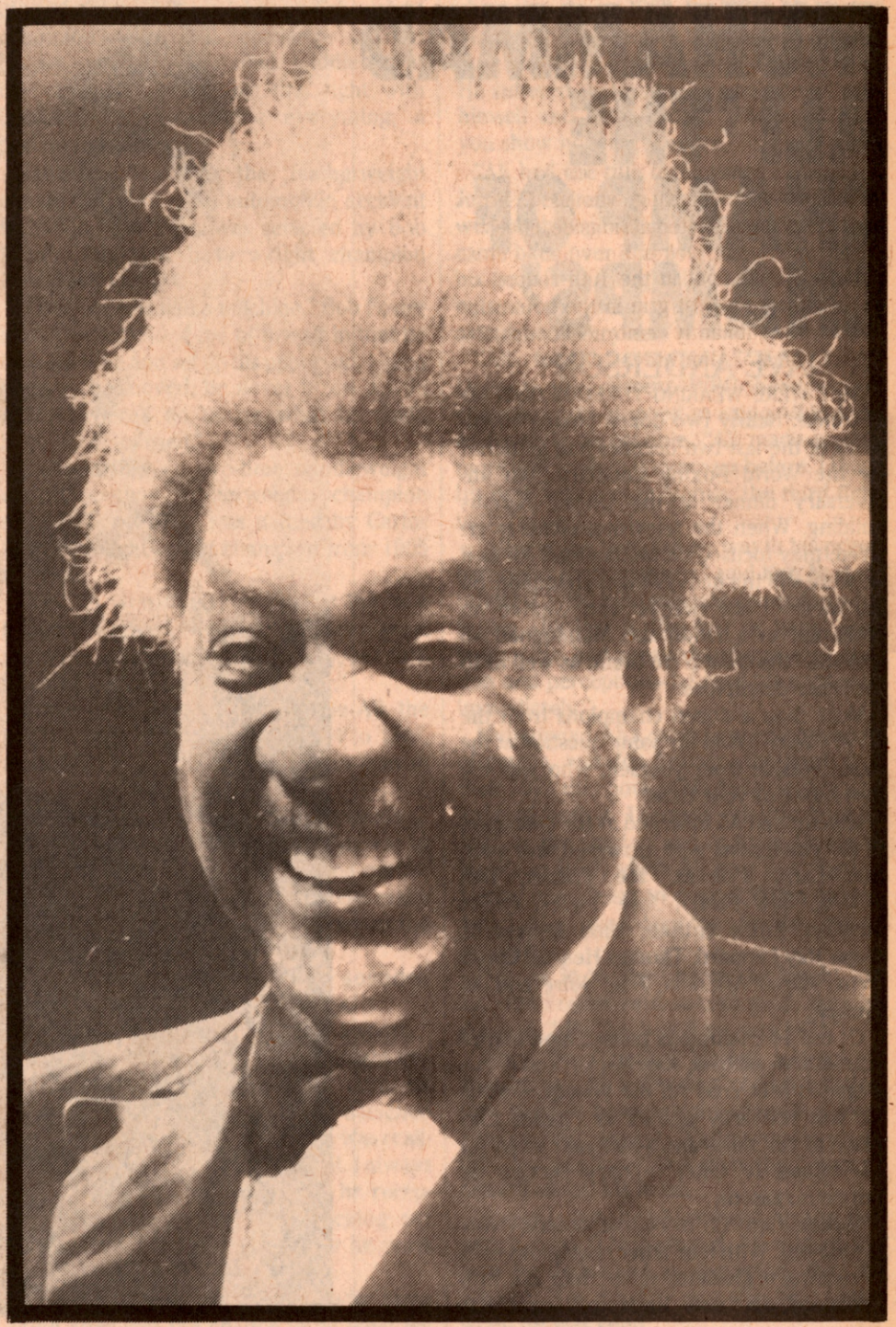

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THE CHAMPS VOTE MUHAMMAD ALI 'THE CHAMP OF CHAMPS'

BY DAVE ANDERSON

THEY WERE WEARING TUXEDOS INSTEAD of trunks. Nearly two dozen boxing champions of the last two decades had gathered for the World Boxing Council's 20th anniversary dinner at the United Nations building. When the television cameras arrived, they focused on Muhammad Ali as if he were still the heavyweight champion. So did most of the people who wanted an authgraph or a handshake. Muhammad Ali was still "the champ" to them, as well as to the other champions.

More than a dozen champions from the Ali era were asked the same question at the dinner—aside from yourself, who was the best boxer of your time?

Muhammad Ali emerged as the champion of the champions who answered that question—Larry Holmes, Joe Frazier, Ken Norton, Bob Foster, José Torres, Carlos Monzon, Emile Griffith, Nino Benvenuti, Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, Carlos Ortiz, Alexis Arguello, Eder Jofre and Ali himself.

Of the 14 champions polled, nine named Ali, with an asterisk. Ken Norton and Alexis Arguello preferred Ali the younger—when he was primarily known as Cassius Clay prior to his three-and-a-half-year exile for his refusal to enter military service for religious reasons.

Muhammad Ali, of course, couldn't vote for himself. With four other champions each preferring a gladiator other than Ali, they produced one vote each for Sugar Ray

Leonard, Roberto Duran, Emile Griffith, the late Salvador Sanchez and the late Sonny Liston.

Sugar Ray Leonard was named by Carlos Monzon, the Argentine who reigned as the world middleweight champion from 1970 to 1977.

"Leonard was the best, a complete boxer and puncher," Carlos Monzon said. "He was valiant and he was also intelligent."

Roberto Duran, who declined to answer the question, was chosen by Jose Torres, the light heavyweight champion in 1965 and 1966.

"Duran is smart, one of the few fighters to use his intelligence inside," Jose Torres said of the former welterweight and lightweight champion who will challenge Marvin Hagler for the undisputed middleweight title on Nov. 10. "In his first fight with Leonard, he showed me everything, a perfect fight."

Salvador Sanchez, the featherweight champion killed in an automobile accident in Mexico last year, was selected by Bob Foster, the light heavyweight champion from 1968 to 1974.

"Sanchez was like a machine," Bob Foster said. "He reminded me of myself in that he took his time and set up his opponent. I liked the way he moved, he never threw a wild punch. There's no telling what he could have accomplished."

Emile Griffith, a two-time middleweight and three-time welterweight champion from 1961 to 1968, was named by Carlos Ortiz, the lightweight champion from 1965 to 1968.

"Griffith won five titles against the best fighters," Carlos Ortiz said. "Ali was a great promoter with good boxing ability, but Griffith was a great all-around fighter."

Emile Griffith, meanwhile, chose Ali, the heavyweight champion from 1964 to 1967, from 1974 to early 1978, and again later in 1978.

"Ali brought his own style into boxing," Emile Griffith said. "His best fight was in Manila when Frazier couldn't come out for the last round. That night both were really trying to hurt each other. Ali was never the same after that fight."

The other votes for Ali sounded somewhat the same, only different.

"Ali took boxing beyond being a sport, " said Sugar Ray Leonard, a welterweight and junior middleweight champion until he retired last year after surgery for a detached retina. "Ali created an illusion that was reality—that boxing was entertainment. I always thought his best fight was when he recaptured his title in Zaire by knocking out George Foreman three years after he came out of exile."

"Ali gave all the other boxers who came along after him the chance to be what we are, he gave us credibility," said Alexis Arguello, who from 1974 to 1982 held featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight titles. "But he was at his best when he was Cassius Clay, before his exile. He had more discipline, more boxing skill then. After his exile, he went to the rope-a-dope, things like that."

"Ali inspired me to be a boxer," said Thomas Hearns, a welterweight champion and now a junior middleweight titleholder. "Every time he jumped out there, he always put on a good show."

"Ali created a new relationship between the boxers, the press and the spectators," said Nino Benvenuti, the middleweight champion from 1967 to 1970. "He went beyond the borders of boxing. But his best fight was one he lost, his first Frazier fight. He suffered that night, he was honest with himself and with boxing. When you lose, you show how big you are."

"Ali had the title three times," said Eder Jofre, the Brazilian who was the bantamweight champion from 1961 to 1965. "He came back over and over again. He was at his best in the beginning but in Zaire he outsmarted Foreman, he used his brain, he astonished everyone."

"Ali fought everybody," said Larry Holmes, the current WBC heavyweight champion who stopped an aging Ali in 1980 as tenderly as possible. "Ali made boxing more special than it ever was before. I think his best fight was in Manila, the third fight with Frazier."

"Ali was the best, but he was in his prime before his draft problem," said Ken Norton, briefly a WBC heavyweight champion who broke Ali's jaw in the first of their three bouts. "He had speed, hand-eye coordination and perception—he read his opponent immediately."

Muhammad Ali's most famous opponent, of course, was Joe Frazier—the winner of their 1971 title bout at Madison Square, the loser of both a 12-round nontitle bout in 1971 at the Garden and of their Thrilla in Manila in 1975, which Ali later described as having been "next to death." When he was asked the question, Joe Frazier never hesitated.

"It's got to be 'the Champ,' he fought 'em all," Joe Frazier said, meaning Ali, then he grinned. " But his best fight was 1971."

When the "champ" himself was asked, Muhammad Ali spoke first of Floyd Patterson, twice a heavyweight champion from 1956 to 1962, saying, "Patterson was scientific, he was fast." But then the "champ" himself shook his head.

"Sonny Liston, he hit too hard, he beat Patterson twice," Muhammad Ali said of the man he dethroned as champion, then he winked. "I'm the only guy who beat Liston when he was good."

THE LAST STAND OF ALEXIS ARGUELLO

BASEBALL LEGEND SATCHEL PAIGE had six rules for aging gracefully: 1. Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood. 2. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts. 3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move. 4. Go very lightly on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social ramble ain't restful. 5. Avoid running at all times. 6. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you. Boxing legend Alexis Arguello could add a seventh rule: Avoid Aaron Pryor and insure the fact that you age gracefully.

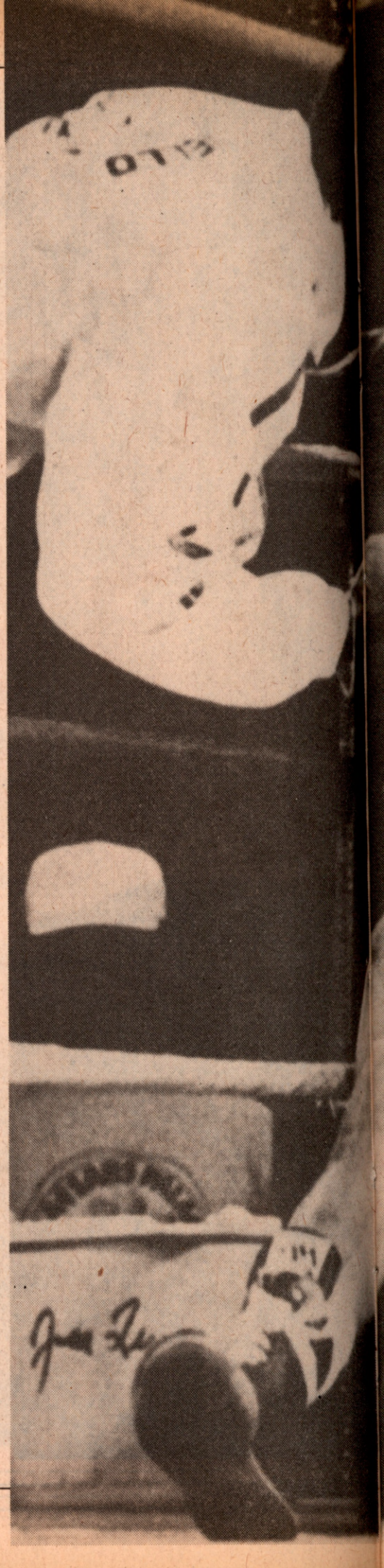
BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

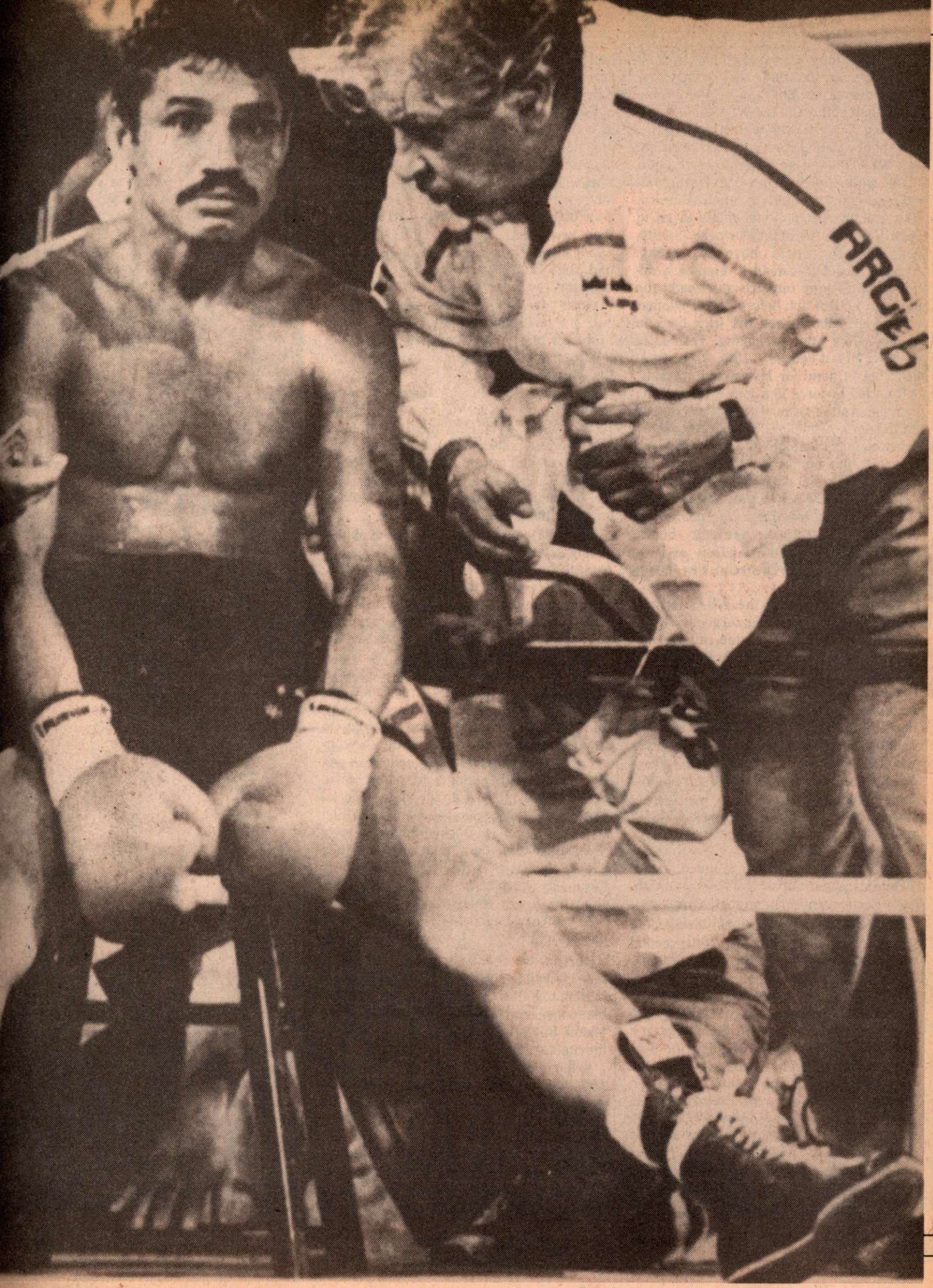
LAST NOVEMBER 12TH, ALEXIS ARGUELLO, a prohibitive betting and sentimental favorite to win his unprecedented fourth title, ran afoul of a younger and stronger Aaron Pryor, who, after absorbing punches that would have felled buildings for 13 rounds, took out Arguello with over 30 unanswered punches in the 14th. As he lay there, his dreams extinguished, his invincibility no longer open to question, Alexis saw his life, and more, flash before him.

A spectator for the next 10 months, looking at his own life in a window more than a mirror, Arguello would gaze past his own reflection into the night, wondering how he had gone wrong, how he could regain that glass slipper that was almost his. He blamed trainer Eddie Futch for his training regimen, then saw the error of his ways and apologized. He rationalized, feeling he had not caught Pryor squarely, had not thrown combinations, had not fought the right fight. He sought refuge in attacking the mysterious water bottle Pryor had been fed by then-trainer Panama Lewis between the 13th and 14th rounds. He even conjured up a post-date charge that Pryor's gloves had been tampered with in light of Lewis' implication in glove tampering in a recent fight between Billy Collins and Luis Resto. But no matter how he massaged the nightmare that befell him, he could not eradicate it from his mind and visions of that 14th-round knockout still danced in his head.

Obsessed with evenning the score with the tormentor of his soul, Arguello embarked on a personal crusade to get Pryor back into the ring. It was his personal Everest, something he had to scale to recapture his greatness, avenge his loss and attain his goal of a fourth championship, because, as he was wont to say, "No man has ever done it."

Arguello soon found that getting Pryor back into the ring was a course filled with several obstacles, not the least of which was the WBA. Even after selecting the Pryor-Arguello battle royal 1982's "Fight of the Year," those gyps off the old block denied Arguello a top-ten rating, necessary for his even being considered for a rematch, let alone getting one. Instead the WBA's top ten listing of contenders for Pryor's 140-pound crown took on the look of Emma Lazarus' weary, tired and poor, including several shopworn names like Akio "KO" Kameda, and former champions Sang-Hyun Kim and Antonio Cervantes. (Rumor has it that the only reason former junior welterweight

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champions Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross were not included was the fact that they were dead. Still they would have beaten half of those in the WBA top ten, not including Arguello who wasn't included.)

Without a rating Alexis had no rematch. The WBA knew it and tried to work out a "deal" with Arguello: He would fight ninth-ranked Miguel Montilla in South America, with half the promotional rights to go to Pepe Cordero, the WBA's favorite charity, and Arguello would have his rating. Arguello decided instead to employ a different path to the rematch and fought the last man to beat him before Pryor, Vilomar Fernandez, who turned the trick back in 19-ought-78. After defeating Fernandez easily in 10 last February 26th, Alexis went back hat in hand for his ranking. Still the WBA tried to force him into a match with Montilla. And so, instead of fighting Montilla for Cordero, Arguello took on former WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel and knocked him out in the third round last April in a bout that did nothing to add to the Arguello luster. Noel quit just seconds into the third round, blaming a "hip pointer," in answer to NBC commentator Ferdie Pachecho's on-the-spot diagnosis as if he knew what the hell Pachecho was talking about.

Rather than wait for the WBA's form of lower-case papal blessing, Arguello signed to fight Billy Costello, the number-ten ranked junior welterweight. At this moment in time, the WBA mysteriously decided to bestow their blessing, and rating, upon Arguello. It was not clear whether they decided that they might risk losing their healthy sanctioning fee from the fight or whether Arguello had called their bluff. Whatever the reason, the WBA, nobody's fool—althought there are those who believe they're everybody's—gave Arguello his much-needed rating even though he had not fought a junior welterweight since his loss to Pryor. Faint with damned praise, Arguello pulled out of his scheduled fight with Costello and "The Rematch" was on.

But if Arguello was hell-bent on meeting Pryor again, Aaron, the party of the second part, was equally as bent on something, something rumored to be self-destruction. When the rumor first started is not known, but it was given flight and form in *Boxing Illustrated*, which trumpeted the charge in a headline: "Is the Hawk Headed for Self-Destruction?" Pryor, anxious to rebut the charges, sought out this writer in Washington before the Spinks-Mustafa Muhammad non-fight and said, "Do I look like I'm self-destructing? Then, to another writer, he again asked the question punctuating it with, I've never been arrested and never taken drugs." The writer merely looked up from his lunch and said, "Well, Aaron, I've been arrested and I've taken drugs, but I've never been shot."

Besides his earlier problems Aaron had now added a litany of new ones: He was still in court in a contractual dispute with his first manager, Buddy LaRosa; He had signed a promotional-cum-personal services contract with Sylvester Stallone's Tiger Eye Promotions, Inc. and pocketed a check for $400,000, only to abort the association less than two months later and fire Stallone's hand-picked trainer, Richie Giachetti; He had split from his second manager and common-law wife, Teresa, who was trying to serve him papers right before the fight; and he had checked into a Las Vegas hospital with "headaches," diagnosed as being from "too many punches to the head" in his sparring sessions.

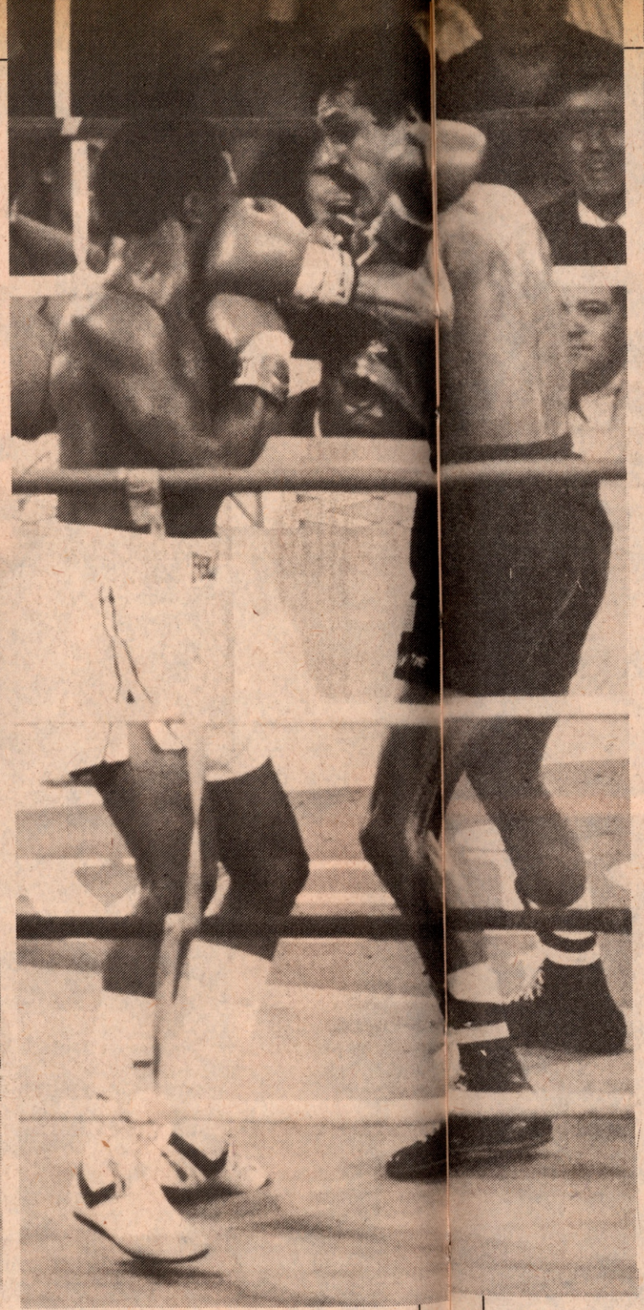
But regardless of his problems, real or imagined, Aaron Pryor has always known peace inside the ring, the only real home he has ever related to. And, on September 9th, against Alexis Arguello, Aaron Pryor sought—and got—the necessary therapy for his problems, at the same time denying Arguello his.

The fight was less a fight than a benefit for Alexis Arguello. Arguello had trained hard for this, his last, battle. He was determined to make his valedictory a happy occasion, one that would go down in history, together with his fourth belt. But it was not to be, not so much for all the obvious reasons as for Aaron Pryor, boxing's version of the Trojan Horse who possesses far more skills than anyone has ever given him credit for.

From Pryor's second right hand, a right-hand lead that caught Arguello trying to come in underneath to the body, the outcome was never in doubt. Arguello took one step back and then stumbled, going down, his pins unable to hold up the fighting determination of the challenger. Before the first fight in Miami, HBO commentator Larry Merchant had made a point of questioning Arguello's legs. Now there was no question, those legs which at 21 were marvelous appendages for the man they called "Flacco Bala" now betrayed him, unable to keep him upright.

Hurt in the first, Arguello came back to take control in rounds two and three, even putting together three and four-punch combinations, something he had failed to do in Miami. But all he was doing was staying the inevitable, postponing it for a later time.

In the fourth Pryor came out of his corner fast, landed a hard right then a left hook. Arguello went down again, this time less because his legs had failed to hold him up than because Pryor had propelled him earthbound. Pryor held up his hands in victory, because obviously the fight was over. But was it? Arguello wearily regained his footing and waited for the onslaught. It was

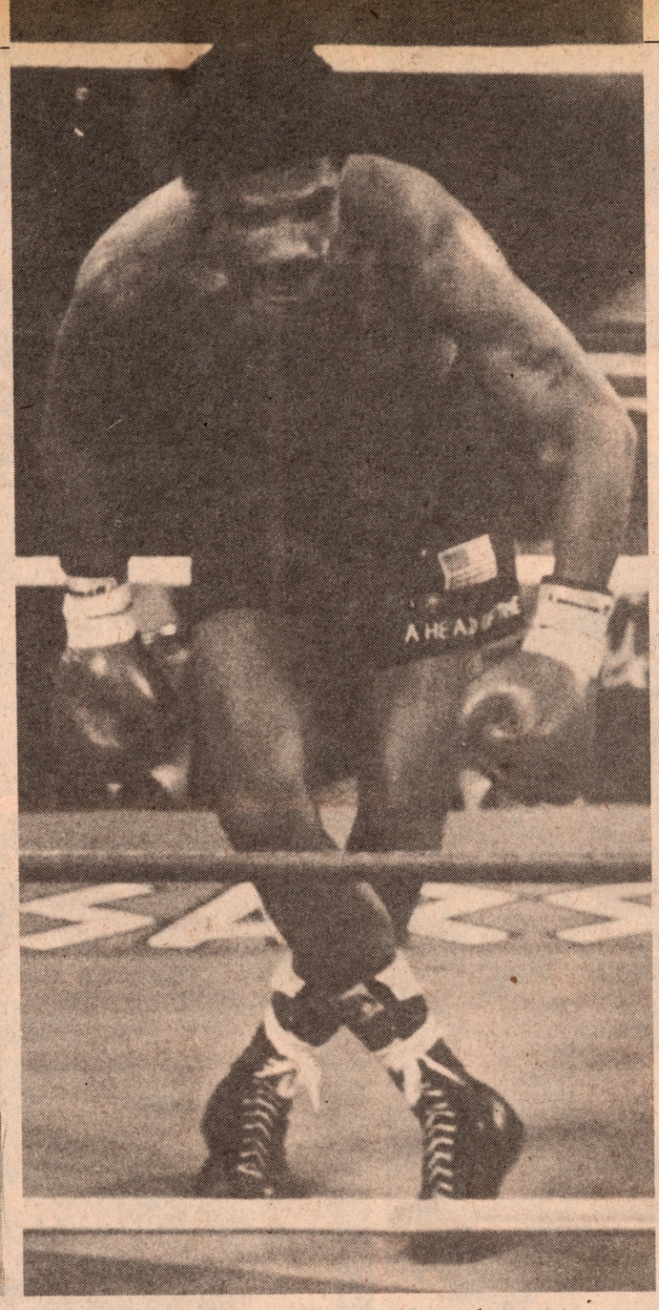


not long in coming as Pryor rushed in with a Niagara of punches, hurting Arguello with a right and punching non-stop to Arguello's head. Finally Arguello got in some good licks, digging to the body with his left, the same left which had caused Cornelius Boza-Edwards to lose control of his bodily functions in the eighth round of his fight with the three-time champion. At the bell, despite Arguello's rally, he went to the wrong corner, confused and dazed.

In the fifth Arguello tried to moving side-to-side, all the better to slow down the human dynamo in front of him, trying to work underneath. But even though Arguello was the only one throwing punches, he looked wearied, as if he was the prototype for Arledge's slo-mo innovation.

The sixth round saw Pryor responding to trainer Manny Steward's exhortation of "Uptown" by leading to the head with his right, all the while on his toes trying to minimize Arguello's body punches, seemingly his only hope to reverse the momentum, the inevitable.

The seventh found Pryor stalking his prey, leading—and landing— with rights. Suddenly Arguello put together a six-punch combination and then two shots to the body, both of which strayed somewhere south of



the border. Pryor complained to referee Richard Steele, but he didn't respond. Arguello threw more to the beltline and brought over two rights which staggered Pryor.

The eighth round was to be not only Arguello's highwater mark. It was also to be his last chance to turn the tide. The most fearful body puncher since Tony Zale began the round with left hooks to the body, then, in the face of several lefts and rights from Pryor, drove the champion to the rope with three devastating right-hand body shots. Pryor winced and began to flinch in the face of an oncoming body shot. But that body shot, the one that could have changed the entire course of the fight, never arrived. What did was referee Steele, who intervened at this crucial juncture to warn Arguello and take a point away from him for low blows. It not only cost Arguello the round, it also cost him the fight. As it turned out, the brief respite gave the beleagured Pryor time to regroup

The ninth was merely a table setting for the tenth, Arguello carrying over his eighth-round momentum into the early part of the round and Pryor ending the three-minute session with six of his patented whirlwind punches to the head. Between rounds, as trainer Lupe Sanchez tried mightily to revive him, Arguello took on the look of a beaten man. His legs were splayed out in front of him on the stool as if they had a mind of their own—their age now much older than their owner's 31 years—and his body suddenly sapped by the 27 minutes of seemingly fruitless pursuit of a dream. He was resigned to his fate.

The tenth and—unbeknownst to all but Arguello—last round started with a Pryor left and right. Then Pryor began moving in on the perceptibly tiring Arguello to land another left to the head and a right lead followed by a left. Pryor, now sensing Arguello's rapidly deteriorating strength, came forward, disdaining defense, to land a right and a left, yet another left and a final right, driving Arguello to the canvas as if he were a giant ebony hammer driving a nail straight down.

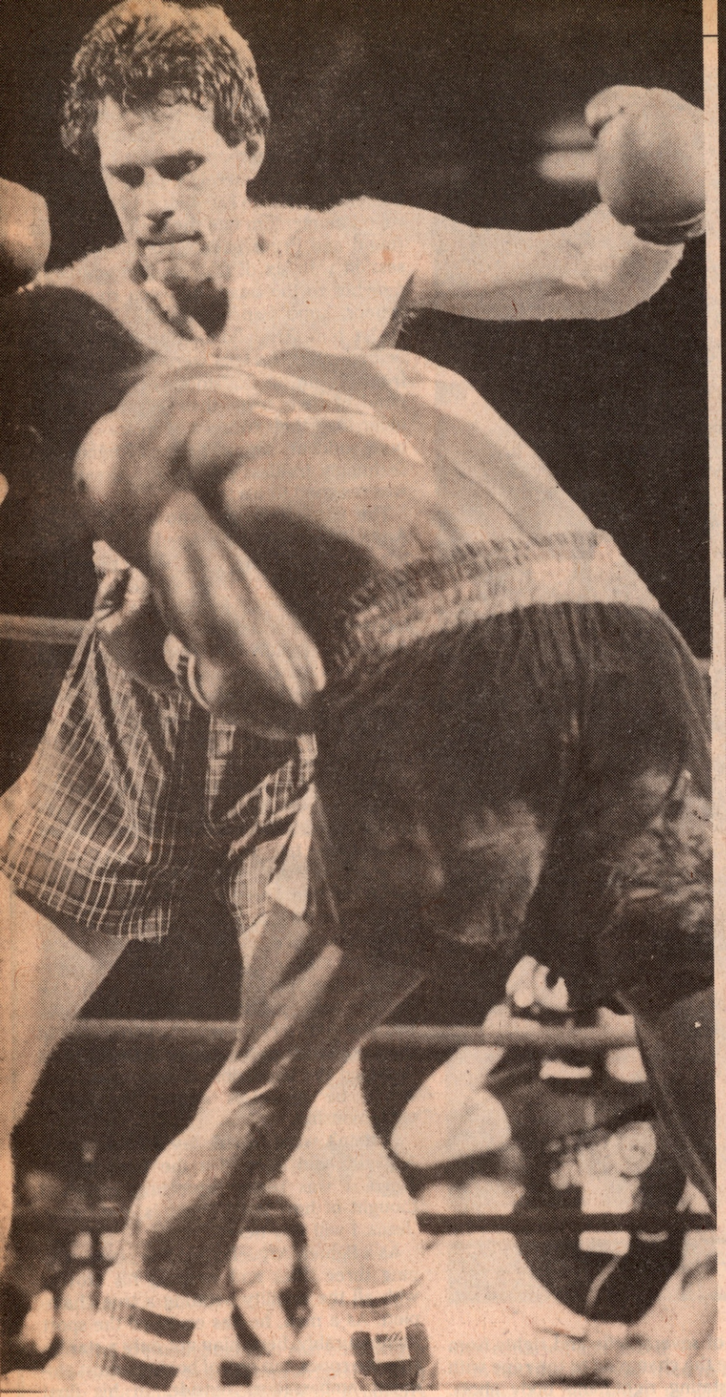
With his hands resting stoically on his knees, Arguello hung his head, less to listen to the inexorable count of ten than to contemplate his fate, to reflect back on the one moment in Miami some ten months before when he had come dangerously close to destruction at the hands of the one-man demolition squad now standing over him. Make no mistake, Arguello could have gotten up. But to what end? His own? No, he decided he would accept defeat, accept the fact that Aaron Pryor was the better man of the two and that he, Alexis Arguello, had dreamed the impossible dream—that there would be no glass slipper, no fourth championship.

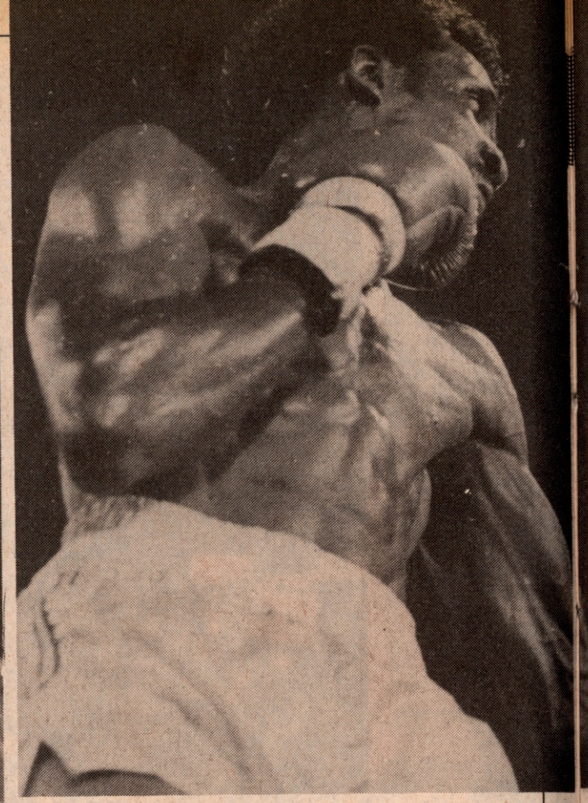
"I didn't want to risk my life," a tearful Arguello said later. "On the third knockdown, I was really protecting myself. I thought of how good Pryor is and I said, 'Jesus, I will stay here.'"

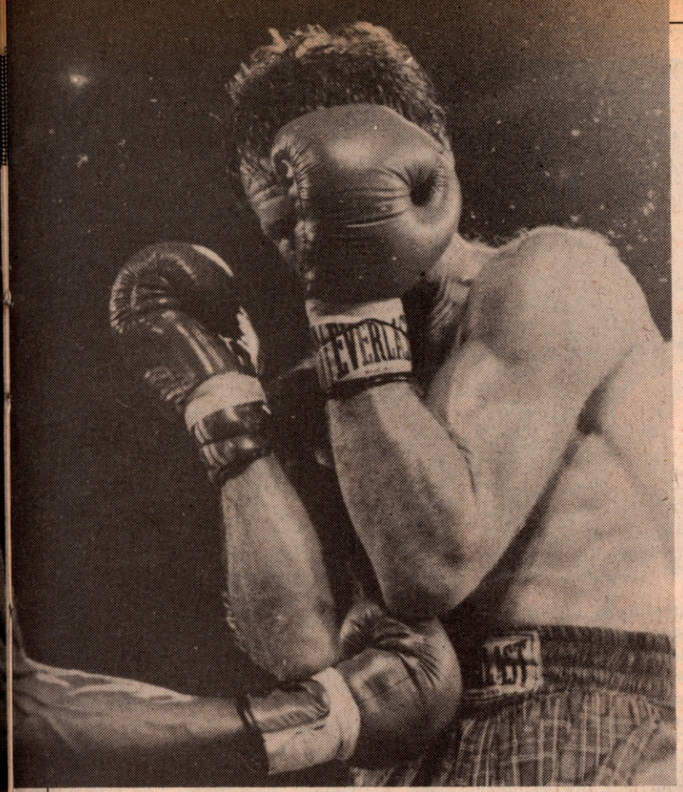
As a fighter, Arguello had few peers, winning three titles and wearing his crowns with all the nobility befitting a true champion. As a man, he has enriched the sport immeasurably, becoming not only a star inside the ropes, but one of boxing's most eloquent ambassadors outside. In his final defeat, he remained the gracious warrior, a gentleman to the last.

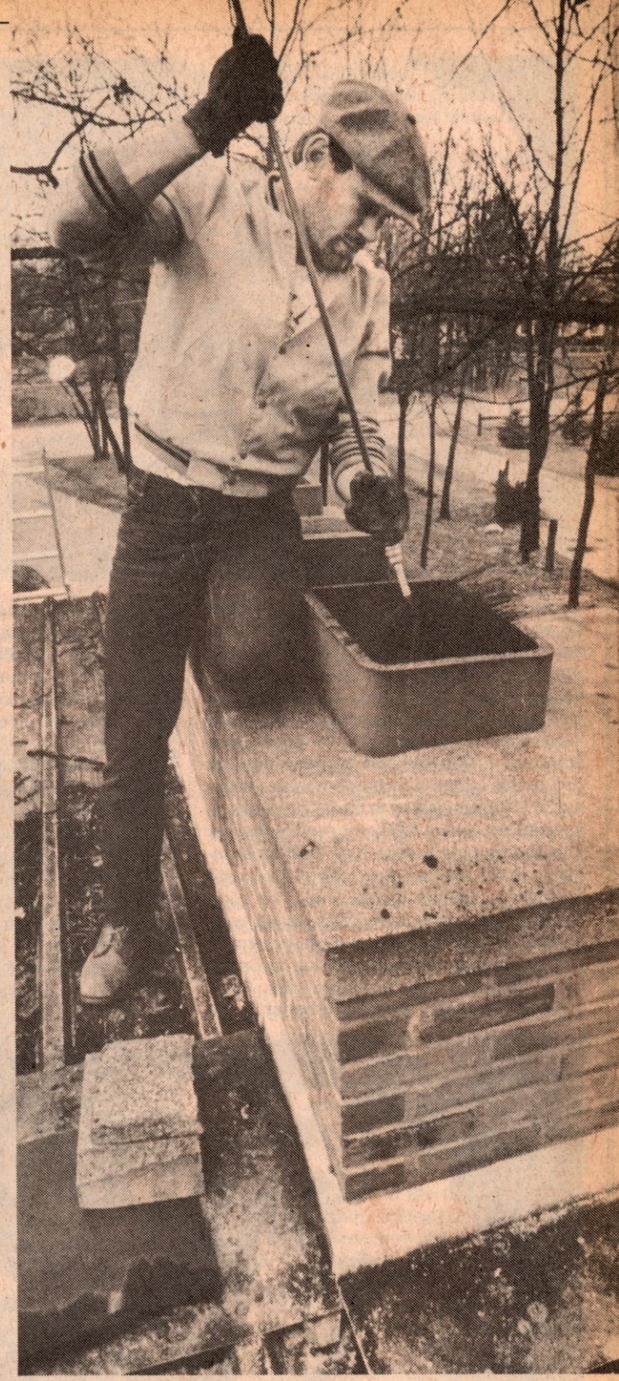
"It's time to say goodbye to the public, goodbye to boxing, goodbye to my old friend Pryor."

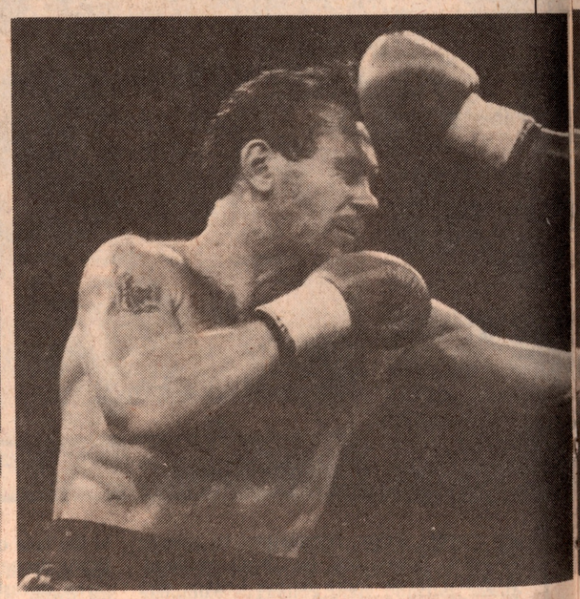
Adios, nuestro amigo, boxing will miss you and your majestic presence in the ring.

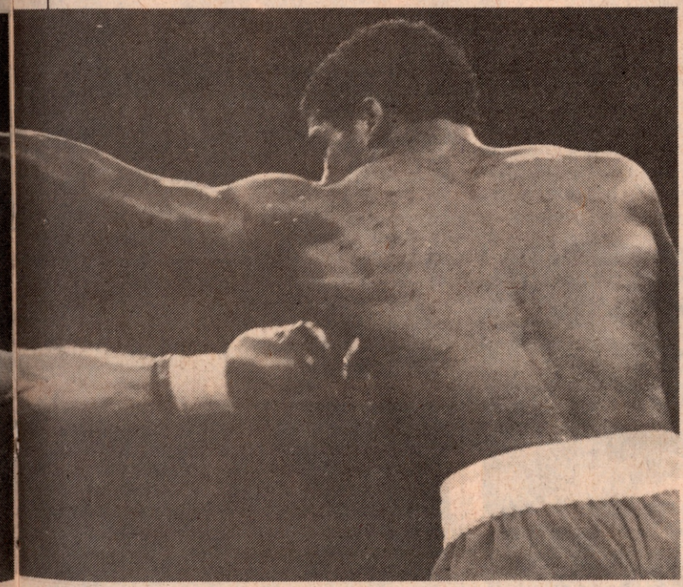












MURRAY SUTHERLAND: ANATOMY OF AN 'OPPONENT'

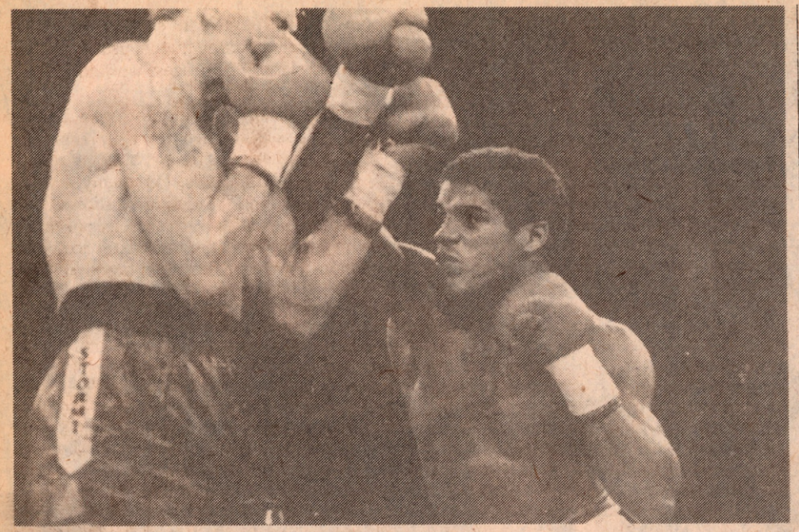
MURRAY SUTHERLAND FLOPPED into a chair, ran a towel through his hair, and looked up to face the assembled press. Only moments before he had upset boxing's one-time idol Alex Ramos in a strange, foul-filled affair that bolstered his stock considerably. As he began to relish the significance of his unexpected victory, a faint smile crept across his craggy features.

BY NIGEL COLLINS

"I'M USED TO SEEING YOU GUYS AFTER getting my ass kicked in a world championship bout," he deadpanned, his tongue squarely lodged between his cheek and the truth. "It's sort of unusual me being here as the winner."

Over the past few years, Sutherland has become one of boxing's top-of-the-line "opponents," a fighter who can be counted on to stand in against the best without embarrassing himself. In the process, he's acquired a reputation as a rugged and canny competitor, almost a throwback to the old-time pro who would fight anyone, anywhere, at practically any weight. And despite two failed bids for the light heavyweight title, he currently finds both his popularity and career on the upswing. Sutherland is one "opponent" who has earned the right to be called a winner.

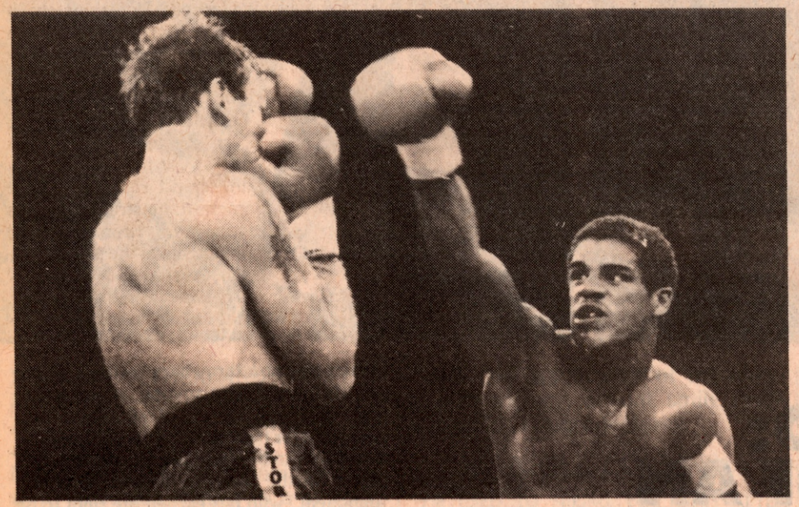
Sutherland's story is not the typical box-

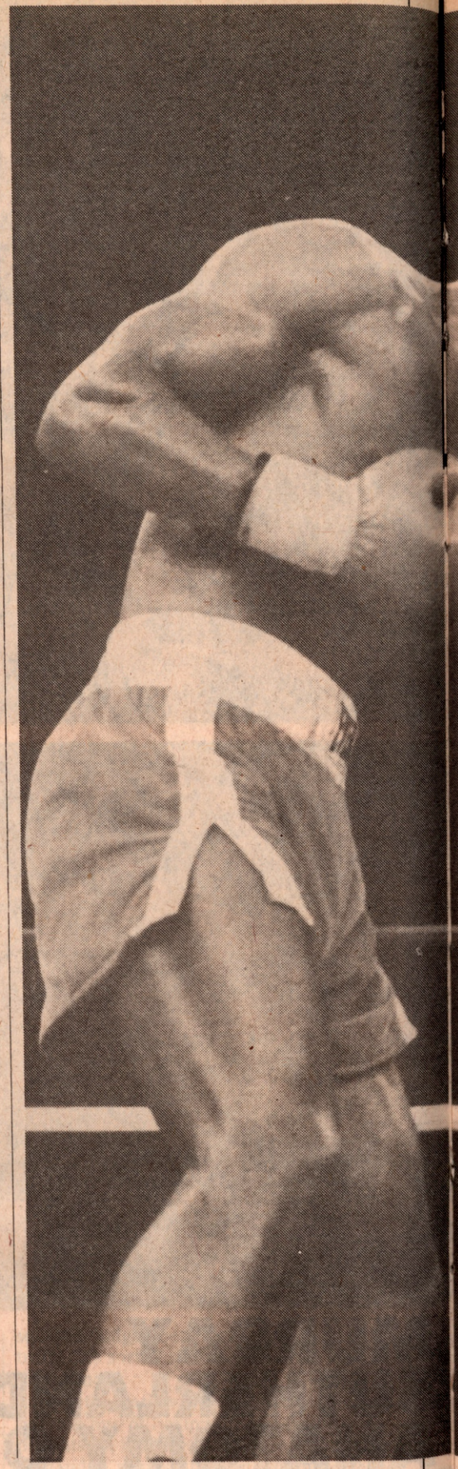


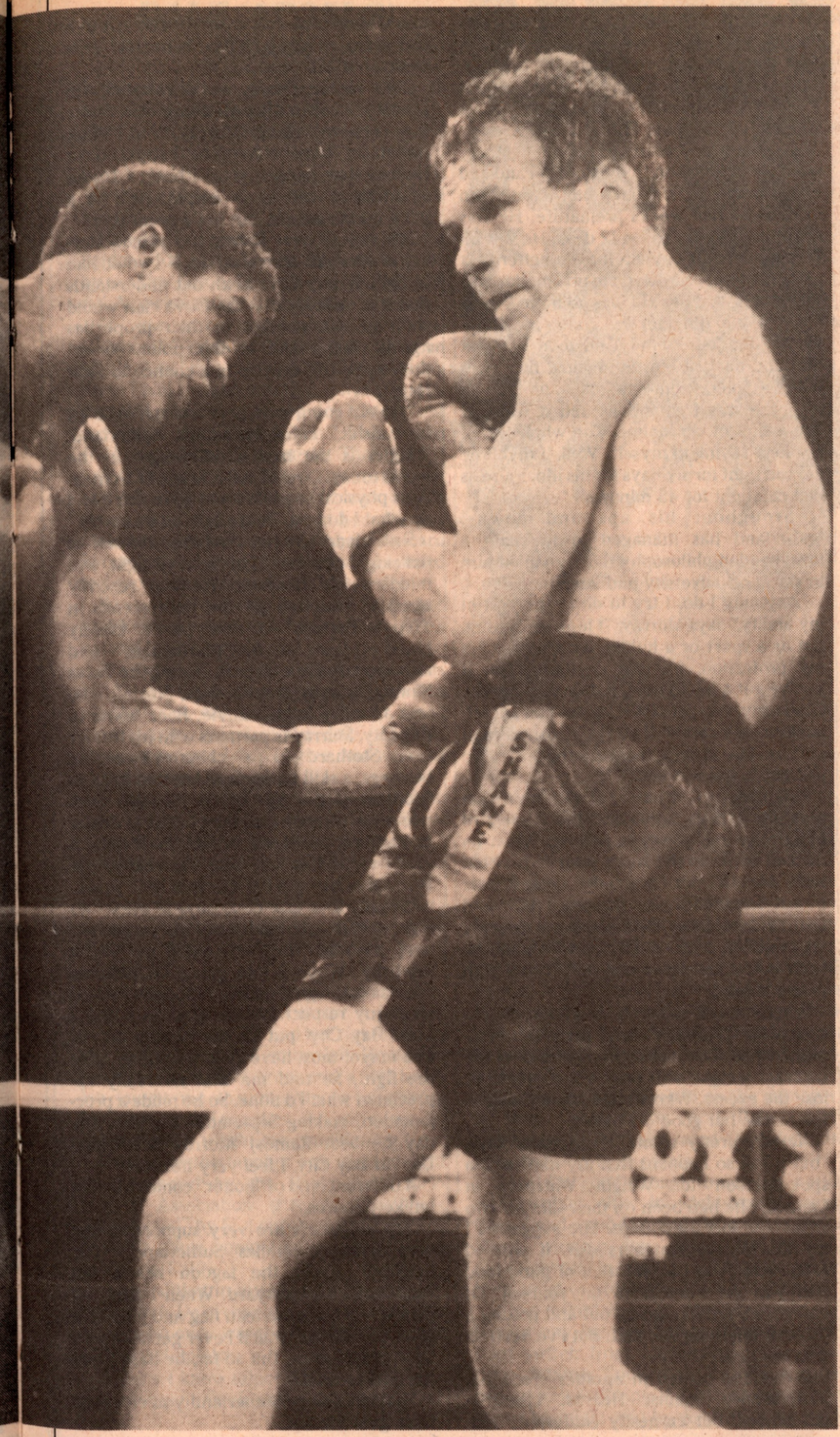
ing tale of a disadvantaged youth battling his way out of the ghetto. He's never gone hungry, never assaulted anyone outside the ring, never spent time in jail. For Murray, boxing has always been a trade, not a method for channelling anti-social behavior into lucrative employment. He was born in Scotland in 1955 and first introduced to the ring by his father, a former amateur. At the age of 18 he emigrated to Canada to work as a machinist, and in 1977 returned to his first love, boxing, as a source of additional income. After turning pro with a six-round decision in Halifax, Nova Scotia, he soon realized that being world famous all over Canada was hardly the end of the world.

"I was boxing for Frank Bricker in Brantford, Ontario. He managed the Summerhays brothers," recalls Sutherland. "At the time, I was progressing at a faster rate than he could manage. I was contracted to fight in Saginaw, Michigan for Art Dore. I felt he had a lot more clout, a lot more influence, and more connections. I started to talk to him and eventually he became my manager."

Dore, a hustling building contractor from Bay City, went about building Sutherland in a rather unorthodox manner. Dore also promoted a series of brutal quasi-boxing carnivals known as "Tough Man" competitions. These were little more than semi-organized street fights between an assortment of poorly conditioned barroom brawlers, truck drivers and other would-be thugs. The main attraction of such an event was the fact that they were relatively cheap to promote and still satisfied the patron's lust for blood. To







many of his "Tough Man" shows Dore added one legitimate boxing match, usually featuring Sutherland. The process worked well for both of them.

"It's hard to make money on a boxing show unless you have television money," explains Sutherland. "So Art built my record on 'Tough Man' shows. Personally, I think there's a place for 'Tough Man' shows. Let's face it, a guy can go to a circus one night and then go to a ballet the next. I really appreciate a good professional boxing match, but then I can go see a 'Tough Man' show and enjoy that as well. It's something different."

Whatever one's opinion of this sideshow form of combat, it afforded Sutherland the opportunity to gain the valuable experience that would later stand him in such good stead. He hit the road, bowling over bums in places like Muskegan, Des Moines and Davenport. Along the way there were occasional setbacks, such as his losses to Dwight Davidson and Richie Kates. But by May of 1980, Murray's record was respectable enough to be matched on national television with future champ Michael Spinks. He extended Spinks the entire 10 rounds, showing the sort of grit that would become—along with tartan trunks—his trademark. Before the year was over, Sutherland fought the remarkable number of 16 times, losing only to Spinks. Among his victories was a 12-round decision over promising Pablo Ramos for the USBA light heavyweight title. Murray still considers it one of his better performances. Three wins later, he was matched with Matthew Saad Muhammad for the WBC title.

Sutherland was ushered into the ring at Atlantic City's Resorts International to face Saad by the shrill cry of his native bagpipes. He sprinted to an early lead, moving spritely and punching crisply. Unfortunately, it was a little like pitting a taber against a howitzer. A thunderous right sent Murray flying to the boards in the seventh and also split his right eyebrow wide open. He bravely managed to beat the count and mount a mini-comeback in the eighth, but was severely punished in the ninth and finally sent down again, almost rolling onto the press bench. Somehow, he struggled to his knees by seven and then shocked everybody by jumping up at the precise moment referee Paul Venti yelled "nine-ten." There was, of course, a minor uproar. Sutherland insisted that he'd been the victim of a quick count, but the result stood—as shakily as did Sutherland.

Murray's gutty, and somewhat controversial, stand in the face of one of boxing's most awesome punchers didn't go unnoticed by the networks. Within a year, he was rematched with Spinks for Michael's WBA crown. This time, Murray was never in the

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fight. Spinks controlled the action throughout, stopping Sutherland in eight.

"I think Spinks is the best fighter I've ever fought," says Murray. "Saad Muhammad was just a big, strong brute who could take one hell of a lot of punishment. When Spinks fought Braxton—or whatever his name is now—a lot of people said he'd put on too much pressure for Spinks. I said, no!, Spinks is too smart of a boxer."

When Eddie Davis hammered Sutherland and took the USBA belt two months after his second loss to Spinks, it began to look like the end of the line. Instead, it was to be the turning point that revitalized his skidding career. Murray remembers a conversation with Dore that set in motion a complete reevaluation of himself as a fighter.

"I sat down with Art and he said, 'Look, you're just too small to fight these big guys. It's okay when you're fighting mediocre light heavyweights. But when you step in there with guys like Spinks, Saad Muhammad or Davis, they're just too strong for you."

In an attempt to discover if he could drop down to middleweight without turning into a shell, Sutherland took an unusually scientific approach for a sport that normally shuns modern technology like a case of herpes.

"I went to see a nutritionist in Lansing named Thomas Jameson. He's the doctor for the Michigan State football team. He did a skin fold test. That's where they take a pair of calipers and measure the amount of bodyfat that you're carrying. He found out I had fifteen percent bodyfat and you only need seven or eight percent to operate properly. It wasn't that I was obese or anything. I was just carrying too much bodyfat."

The metamorphosis didn't take place overnight. During the latter part of 1982 and the beginning of '83, Murray's weight fluctuated along with his career. He beat Raton Montez and Ron Ayers as a big middleweight and then outpointed Tony Mundine in Australia at 172½. A majority decision loss to unbeaten J.B. Williams in Las Vegas—("Emanuel Steward swears blind I won the fight and Micky Duff says I was robbed.")—was followed by a controversial draw with Robbie Sims in Worchester, Massachusetts.

"The Sims fight was a hometown decision," maintains Sutherland. "If you get a draw in the other guy's hometown, you know who *really* won the fight."

One of Sutherland's most memorable triumphs came on the undercard of the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Wilford Scypion bill in Providence. He was matched with hard-hitting African prospect Jean Marie Emebe and absorbed a nasty beating before rallying back to score a ninth-round knockout. Besides belaboring Murray about the head, Emebe also repeatedly struck him low. Finally, a frustrated Sutherland—assuming the referee had no part in the match—retaliated in kind, sending the fans into a frenzy and Emebe into the ropes.

"The Saturday before the Emebe fight, my wife had been taken to the hospital and had a Caesarian section. Our baby was born three-and-a-half weeks premature. He was put in intensive care for 12 days. He was on seventy-percent oxygen for the better part of that. It really screwed me up emotionally. I didn't know if my kid was going to live or not. The guy (Emebe) was giving me a shit-kicking for four rounds and then I caught him and backed him up against the ropes with a nice combination. The crowd response was tremendous and it was just like a shot of adrenaline. The whole time I just kept saying to myself, 'Well, if that little kid can fight for six days for his life, I sure as hell can fight for 45 minutes!' "

Throughout his ups and downs, Sutherland has managed to maintain a level-headed philosophy that's enabled him to shrug off adversity and keep plugging.

"Anything I do, I try to do to the best of my ability," says Murray. "I look on boxing, not as a sport or a hobby. It's a career. It's my profession. It's like anything else. If you've got a job to do, get it done properly. Obviously, you get setbacks; but you get setbacks in any career. If you're a businessman and you lose money, that's a setback. You've just got to bounce back."

It is this sort of hard hat determination that has gained Sutherland the respect of practically everybody in boxing. When he ducked between the ropes prior to his bout with Alex Ramos, a usually cynical beat reporter leaned across the press table and said, "I like Murray. He never takes the easy way out." In a racket loaded with phonies, both inside the ropes and out, this is high praise indeed.

When the call came offering Sutherland a fight with Thomas Hearns early this summer, he found himself eight pounds over the contract weight with only a few weeks to lose the excess. Who should come riding to the rescue but good old Mom?

"It was pretty ironic," Sutherland says, "but it just so happens that my mother is a spokesperson for Weight Watchers in Canada. She had been on their diet for two years and lost 35 pounds. She suggested I try the Weight Watchers diet. It worked really well. You can eat a lot of good food and you get enough to fill yourself. Of course, it's not like going out and getting a pizza or anything like that. But I've been on it ever since."

Sutherland turned in another creditable performance against Hearns, losing a unanimous, but earnestly contested, decision. He opened cuts over Hearns' left eye and revealed some of the "Hitman's" deficiencies at 160 pounds.

"As a welter, Tommy was devastating. He was in a class of his own along with Sugar Ray Leonard," claims Murray. "But I think the exact same thing has happened to Hearns that happened to Roberto Duran when he moved up in weight. He'll be a good middleweight, but not a great one."

His victory over Ramos has placed Murray in a comfortable position. He would like to fight Bobby Czyz next, but understands that it is unlikely that the Duva clan would want to risk another of their properties against Sutherland at this point. Nevertheless, he still dreams of a chance to fight Hagler.

"I'm not going to sit here and spit out a lot of bullshit," candidly admits Sutherland. "Hagler is the best middleweight in the world today. I would have to get in tremendous physical condition and go in there and do what I do best. That's fight aggressively."

Sutherland has not restricted himself to policing both the light heavyweight and middleweight divisions. He was recently hired to choreograph the fight scenes in "Tough Enough"—a new movie loosely based on Dore and his "tournament"—and also appeared in a bit part. During the Texas filming, Murray met his wife, Stormi, who was an extra in the movie. Back home in Bay City, Murray is partners with his trainer Don Stothard in a chimney-sweeping business, a skill Sutherland learned back in Scotland at the age of 14. He also does television commercials for a local car dealer in Saginaw, Michigan. In fact, he is quite a luminary in Bay City and has reaped the benefits of being a big fish in a little pond.

"I really love Bay City," says Murray. "It's a great little community and the people are very friendly. They've treated me like a celebrity. When I was going on national television to fight Hearns, I thought I would show my respect for the city. So I had 'I Love Bay City' put on my boxing shorts. The mayor must have been watching. After the fight, he told me that he really appreciated what I'd done. So he made a proclamation, making September 13, 1983 (the day he beat Ramos) 'Murray Sutherland Day' in Bay City. I feel very honored."

A different kind of "honor" comes from an unlikely source.

"My neighbors are very supportive and very friendly," smiles Sutherland. "The neighbor across the lagoon has a big flagpole in his backyard. When I fight, he pulls down the American flag and puts up a plaid one. He said that if I ever get beat, he'll fly it at half mast. But so far, he hasn't had the guts to do it."

Against Murray Sutherland you've got to have guts. He has.

NEW FACES

DALE (APOLLO) COOK

DALE COOK IS A FIGHTER WHO IS handsome, well-mannered, well-spoken, meticulously-groomed, businesslike in his approach to the sport and charmingly boyish to fans and new acquaintances. What's he trying to do—give boxing a new image?

"I'm just being me," says Cook, who is a holder of a black belt in the martial arts form, Tae Kwon Do, as well as the U.S. P.K.A. welterweight champion.

"I was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma," explains Cook. I grew up in an all-black neighborhood. There were many times I had to fight, whether it was to prove myself, defend myself, or help out somebody else. Then, when I was around 15, I saw a Bruce Lee movie. That did it. I loved his moves, his power, his confidence and his control. I realized it was only a movie, but I then read up on Lee. He was truly a master in the arts. I decided to learn karate. I didn't want to just learn it. I wanted to become exceptional in it."

Twenty-two months, dozens of lumps and hundreds of aches and bruises later, Cook earned his black belt.

"I wanted to do full contact as early as 1974," said Cook, "but my instructor was a traditionalist, and believed I should spend several more years in the dojo (a karate learning center). I didn't agree, and we went separate ways.

"I won my first 19 kick-boxing matches, then ran into world champion Steve Sheppard in a 1978, nine-round non-title fight. I lost a close decision, but learned more that fight than in all my other ones combined."

Soon after, Cook teamed up with boxing trainer Ed Duncan, who has taught, among others, heavyweight contender James (Quick) Tillis.

"Ed is super!" Cook says with enthusiasm. "He taught me how to throw a jab that means something. He tied my right hand to my neck and worked on my left. He helped me develop a right cross and a left hook. He taught me the importance of getting leverage on my punches. But above everything else, he taught me conditioning."

Ranked as the number one welterweight in the world by the Professional Kickboxing Association (P.K.A.), Cook was "discovered" by St. Louis businessman Nick Miranda while competing in a kickboxing match on ESPN.

"I was sitting in my den watching the action when Dale caught my eye," said Miranda, who once was the manager of record of Michael Spinks.

"I think I know talent when I see it. I saw something in Cook that I knew could be

developed. However, I didn't know where to reach Dale, so I called ESPN and kept my fingers crossed. They told me the only number they had on Dale was his gym number. When I called the gym, I was told he was on vacation in Las Vegas. I was given his number there. I called, found him, talked with him, set up an appointment to meet him, and in September, 1982, Cook signed with me."

The signing left Miranda as the manager of Dale Cook, boxer, and Dale Cook, kickboxer, as the baby-faced Cook intends to compete in both sports.

"I feel I'm good enough to win the world welterweight title in kickboxing," says Cook, "and a good enough prospect to think about winning the world junior middleweight title in boxing, the division where I feel most comfortable, at least right now."

When asked if he conceives of himself having any problems in making the constant switch from kickboxing to conventional boxing, Cook said, "I don't see me having any problem. If a person is good at chess, he might also be good at checkers. I really don't expect to have any problems, though." After thinking a moment, he jokingly adds, "Well, there *was* this one time when I started to raise a leg to kick a guy, but caught myself in time!"

A fighter's best asset are his legs. Because Cook places top priority on physical conditioning, his legs are always in shape.

"My legs are very strong," states Cook proudly. "I have good footwork, and never have to stop and worry about using my legs too much, about running out of gas. My rhythm in the ring is good and I'd say I have pretty fast hands. I have confidence in what I can do in the ring. I mean, I'm not ready just yet for Thomas Hearns, but I can honestly say I have no fear of him."

Part of that confidence comes from training so hard. Another part comes from living clean, far away from the fast lane that so many of today's professional athletes travel.

"Drugs, alcohol, and a wild life don't get a person to the top," says Cook. "If anything, those kind of things knock a person down. It might not happen so fast, but it will happen eventually. It certainly will!"

Another side of Dale Cook is his strong belief in God.

"I'm not a religious person, but a Christian person," he explained. "You see religious nuts and quacks all over the place. A Christian person believes in the Lord and His message. Robin Blake and Marvis Frazier are Christian men. I'm just like them."

Helping cement Cook's life together is his wife of less than six months, Gina, an Oklahoma Indian.

"We both believe in the Lord and we believe in each other," says Cook, of a match obviously made in Heaven.

By early 1984, Cook expects to be ready for 10-rounders, and a year later, the world ratings and anybody in his weight division.

However, if he doesn't stop being such an All-American boy, people are going to start talking and writing nice things about boxing!

DALE (APOLLO) COOK

Height: 6'0" Weight: 154 pounds Born: November 24, 1958
Amateur Record: 49-2

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1981	
Jan. 15	Larry Smith	Tulsa, Ok.	KO 3
Feb. 22	William Curtis	Tulsa, Ok.	KO 2
Apr. 10	William Curtis	Tulsa, Ok.	KO 1
Nov. 11	Bobby Knight	Tulsa, Ok.	KO 4
July 17	Leslie Smith	Muskogee, Ok.	KO 3
		1982	
Feb. 7	Rocky Brown	Tulsa, Ok.	W 4
June 15	Clyde Spencer	Muskogee, Ok.	W 4
Nov. 21	Billy Smith	McAllister, Ok.	KO 4
		1983	
Jan. 28	Mike Lair	Oklahoma City	W 6
Mar. 12	Clyde Spencer	Tulsa, Ok.	W 4
Mar. 12	Clyde Spencer	Tulsa, Ok.	KO 3
June 12	Rocky Pidgeon	Muskogee, Ok.	W 6
Sept. 12	Jimmy Humphrey	Las Vegas, Nev.	KO

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
12	12	0	0	8

RINGSIDE REPORTS

WITHERSPOON-TILLIS
Vacant NABF Heavyweight Title

PHILADELPHIA'S "TERRIBLE" Tim Witherspoon enhanced his position in the rapidly changing heavyweight derby, scoring a TKO over James (Quick) Tillis in just 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled 12-rounder for the vacant North American Boxing Federation crown. It was the kind of performance that made everybody forget Witherspoon's lackluster win over Jumbo Cummings and remember his oh-so-close challenge for Larry Holmes' WBC title last May. And while Tillis may not be the most fearsome heavyweight around, nobody has blasted him out in such rapid order before.

The fight opened with both men seemingly anxious to get down to business. Tillis, 208, Chicago, rushed into the fray with an early flurry that Witherspoon easily avoided. Moments later, Tillis slipped on a wet spot in his corner and struggled to maintain his balance. Witherspoon, 222½, was on him in a flash, delivering a heavy right to the temple that lifted James off his feet. Another right followed immediately and Tillis was sent sprawling to the canvas, the upper part of his body draped across the bottom rope.

Tillis stumbled to his feet with great effort and referee Pete Rademacher waved Witherspoon back in. He wasted little time finishing the job, decking Tillis with a left hook. Tillis gamely beat the count again, but was wisely rescued after several more rights rendered him completely helpless.

Tillis and trainer Angelo Dundee staged an animated protest, claiming that water on the canvas was responsible for James' "quick" demise, but everybody else in the arena realized that it was Witherspoon's flashing fists that had done the damage.

"I wanted the WBC belt," said Witherspoon afterwards. "But this one makes me feel like a champ, so I'm glad to be the NA or American, or whatever this belt is."

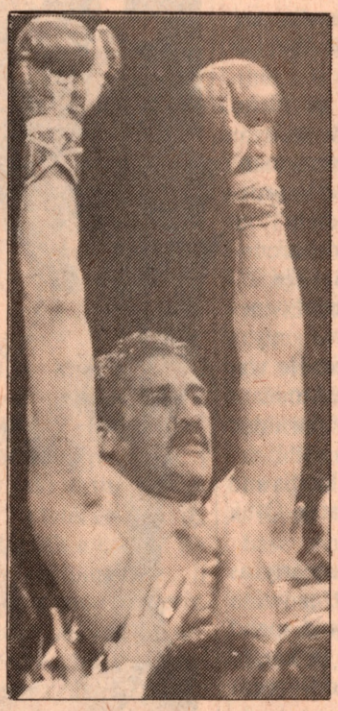
While Witherspoon may not be quite sure of his domain, he could very well be the heavyweight of the future, his gallant effort against Holmes a portent of things to come. The victory over Tillis raised his record to 17-1, 12 kayoes, while James dropped to 24-4-1 with 17 knockouts.

EVANGELISTA-SNIPES

EVERY NOW AND THEN, THE wacky world of boxing comes up with a development that is almost impossible to believe. Such was the case when erstwhile punching bag Alfredo Evangelista won an improbable 10-round split decision over Renaldo Snipes on the Coetzee-Dokes undercard.

This was a match for those who like their boxing on the farcical side. Snipes, with his patented swipe-n-smile style, was outgamed and outgunned by the pudgy Spaniard, who won the hearts of the crowd with perhaps the finest win of his career.

Snipes, 220, Yonkers, N.Y., got off to an early lead, outboxing his much slower adversary, while pecking away with his jab. But Evangelista, who has often shown more discretion



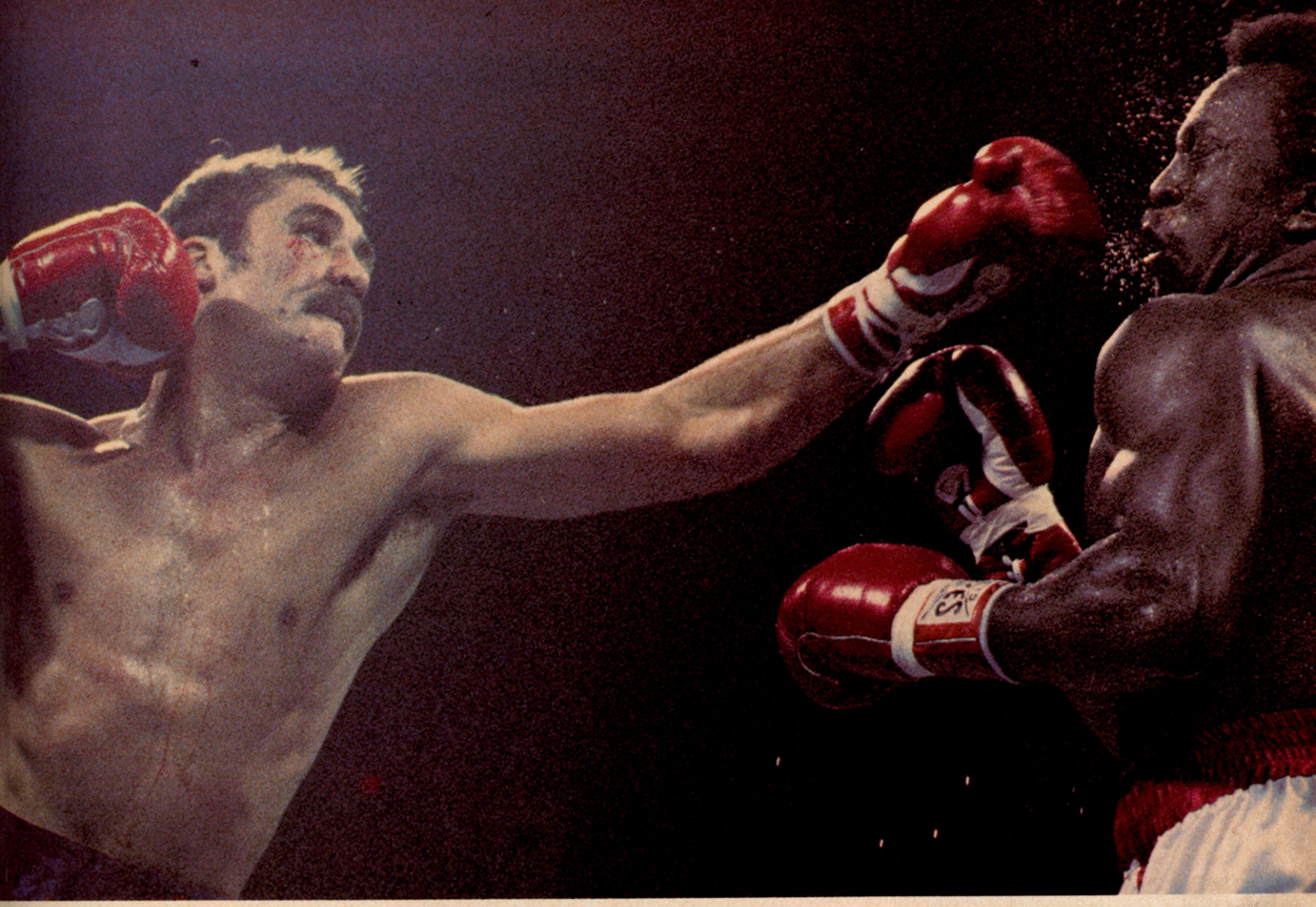
Special color section: Opposite: Gerrie Had The Right Stuff...(and a good left too.): Gerrie Coetzee's newly developed left hand was in Michael Dokes' face all night in Richfield, Ohio. But it was Coetzee's "bionic" right cross that ended Dokes' WBA heavyweight title reign in the 10th round. Overleaf: "The Carnival Is Over" for Arguello. Last spread: Mancini's "Winning Ugly"—but he keeps on winning: Orlando Romero was supposed to be easy pickings for Ray. But he raised welts on the champ's face

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

GERRIE COETZEE IS THE FIGHTER OF THE MONTH, beating out WBA junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor for the honor by virtue of his stunning, title winning upset over Michael Dokes in Richfield, Ohio.

Coetzee revealed a left hand that hurt Dokes in the first round, intimidating the Carl King-managed fighter and paving the way for the knocking that came at the end of round 10. This was Gerrie's third try for the WBA title. John Tate outpointed him for the vacant crown on October 20, 1979 (after Coetzee had stopped Leon Spinks in the first round of an elimination bout) and Mike Weaver kayoed him in the 13th round on October 25, 1980.

Dokes had been undefeated, with two draws, in 28 previous professional contests. Coetzee was 28-3-1 with 17 kayoes, his last bout a 10-round draw with Pinklon Thomas. Eyes are now on WBC champion Larry Holmes, who says he may agree to a unification title fight with Coetzee if the public demand is there. ***CONTINUED ON P. 49***



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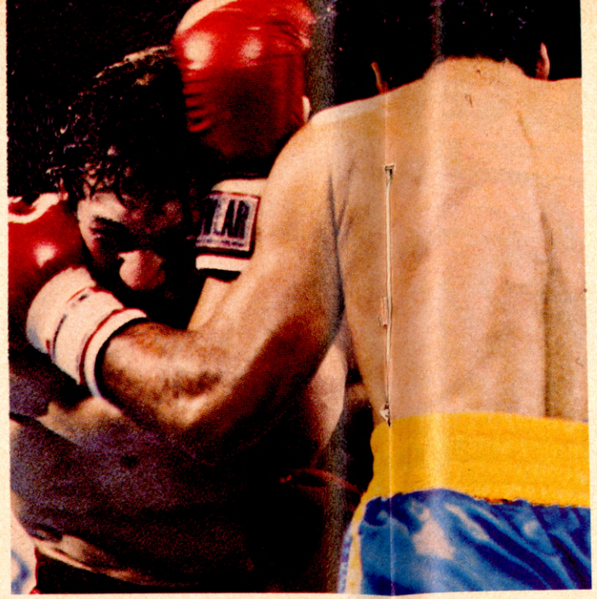

ROMERO

GENUINE

Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton, Pa.
1 **Gerrie Coetzee*** ..... South Africa
2 **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
3 **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
4 **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
5 **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **David Bey** ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
8 **John Tate** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9 **Trevor Berbick** ..... Halifax, Canada
10 **Marvis Frazier** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad, 12. Gerry Cooney, 13. (Tie) Renaldo Snipes, Alfredo Evangelista 15. Frank Bruno, 16. (Tie) Jeff Sims, Tony Tubbs, 18. Randall Cobb, 19. (Tie) George Chaplin, Eddie Lopez, James Tillis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1 **Dwight Braxton** ..... Camden, N.J.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **John Davis** ..... Hempstead, N.Y.
6 **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **John Odhiambo** ..... Denmark
8 **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9 **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
10 **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Caramanolis, 12. Rudi Koopmans, 13. Ossie Ocasio, 14. (Tie) Eric Winbush, Saad Muhammad, 15. (Tie) Saad Muhammad, Erich Winbush, Jose Flores, 18. Richie Kates, 19. Yaqui Lopez, 20. (Tie) Anthony Davis, Fulgencio Obelmejias, Reggie Gross, Mike Rossman

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
2 **Tony Sibson** ..... England
3 **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6 **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
8 **John Collins** ..... Chicago, Ill.
9 **Murray Sutherland** ..... Bay City, Mich.
10 **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.

11. (Tie) Alex Ramos, Bernard Mays, 13. (Tie) Mark Holmes, Vinnie Curto, 15. (Tie) Wilford Scypion, Leroy Hester, 17. Mark Kaylor, 18. Juan D. Roldan

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1 **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
2 **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
3 **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5 **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
6 **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
7 **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
9 **Herol Graham** ..... England
10 **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Carlos Santos, 12. (Tie) Buster Drayton, Gary Guiden, 14. Clint Jackson, 15. Francisco DeJesus, 16. Sean Mannion, 17. Bushy Bester, 18. (Tie) Louis Acaries, Tadashi Mihara

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4 **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
5 **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
6 **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
7 **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Kevin Howard** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Milton Guest** ..... Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
10 **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio

11. (Tie) Pete Ranzany, Simon Brown, 13. Mauricio Bravo, 14. Maurice Blocker, 15. (Tie) Lupe Aquino, Harold Volbrecht, 17. Alfredo Lucero, Bobby Joe Young, 19. Carlos Trujillo, 20. (Tie) Jun-Sok Hwang, Pablo Baez, Juan Rondon

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
2 **Bruce Curry**** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
4 **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **Steve Hearon** ..... Houston, Texas
6 **Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
7 **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
8 **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
9 **Mario Cusson** ..... Montreal, Canada
10 **Felix Reyes** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Clint McKenzie, 12. (Tie) Reyes Cruz, Ubaldo Sacco, Loranzo Garcia, 15. Hugo Hernandez, 16. Harry Arroyo, 17. Alfredo Escalera, 18. Hidekazu Akai, 19. Willie Rodriguez,

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Ratings as of September 25, 1983

* WBA CHAMPION

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2 **Edwin Rosario**** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Tex.
4 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
5 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
6 **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
7 **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
9 **Alvin Hayes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Ken Bogner, 12. Melvin Paul, 13. Tyrone Crawley, 14. (Tie) Charles Brown, Tony Baltazar, 16. Nick Furlano, 17. (Tie) Greg Coverson, Sergio Medina, Lorenzo Garcia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROGER MAYWEATHER* ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
1 **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
2 **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3 **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
4 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
5 **Samuel Serrano** ..... Puerto Rico
6 **Jorge Alvarado** ..... Panama
7 **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Hawaii
8 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... England
9 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** ..... Mexico
10 **Ruben Munoz** ..... Dallas, Tex.

11. Chung-Il Choi, 12. (Tie) Il-Bok Lee, Tae-Jin Moon, 14. Yoshimitsu Asato, 15. Edgar Castro, 16. Refugio Rojas, 17. (Tie) Benedicto Villablanca, Greg Coverson, Roberto Castanon, 20. (Tie) Oscar Arnal, Raphael Lopez, Yonekura Ikohn

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1 **Juan LaPorte**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8 **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9 **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Richard Savage, 12. Hwan-Kil Yuh, 13. Irving Mitchell, 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Angel Mayor 16. Steve Cruz 17. (Tie) Loris Stecca, Barry McGuigan,

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2 **Leo Cruz*** ..... Dominican Republic
3 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
5 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
7 **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
8 **Bobby Berna** ..... Philippines
9 **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
10 **Felix Rodriguez** ..... Panama

11. Sergio Palma, 12. Oscar Muniz, 13. Carmelo Negron, 14. Jairo Anton, 15. Bernardo Pinango, 16. (Tie) Julian Solis, Pongpan Sorphayathai, Chul Kwon

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Albert Davila**** ..... Mexico
2 **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5 **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
6 **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic
7 **Chul-Ho Kim** ..... Korea
8 **Richard Sandoval** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
10 **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson, 12. Paul Ferreri, 13. James Pipps, 14. Eijiro Murata, 15. Daniel Zaragoza, 16. Seung-Hoon Lee, 17. Neptali Alamag, 18. (Tie) Suk-Chul Bae, Daniel Blanco

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CHARLIE MAGRI** ..... England
1 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2 **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3 **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
4 **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
6 **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
7 **Prudencio Cardona** ..... Colombia
8 **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
9 **German Torres** ..... Mexico
10 **Frank Cedeno** ..... Philippines

11. Hilario Zapata, 12. Reinaldo Becerra, 13. Juan Herrera, 14. Hwan-Jin Kim, 15. (Tie) Amado Ursua, Keith Wallace, 17. Candido Tellez, 18. Guty Espadas,

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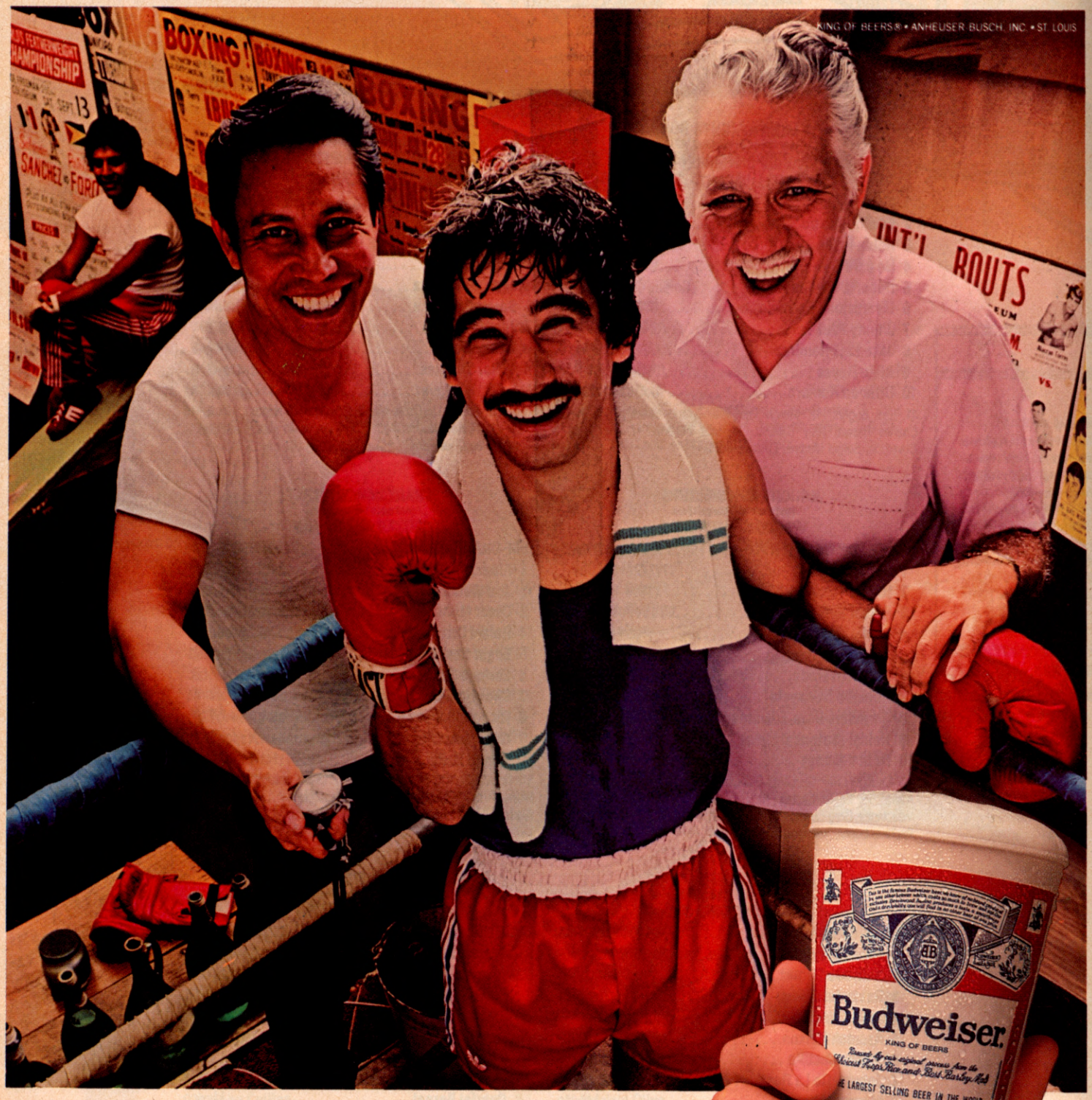

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than valor, was in an unusually tenacious mood for a change. Whenever Renaldo came close enough, Alfredo lashed out with left hooks. Although these efforts did little damage, they discouraged Snipes from ever launching a sustained attack.

Snipes ignored his corner's pleas to, "Stop playing" and "Take it to him." Instead, whenever he landed a decent punch, he would stop, turn away *a la* Jersey Joe Walcott, and then break out in a grin that would have made the Cheshire Cat proud.

Evangelista, a flabby-looking 225¼, finally decided to take advantage of Snipes' reluctance. He piled into Renaldo in the ninth, opening an ugly gash over the New Yorker's right eye when they clashed heads. A flush left hook further damaged the eye before the round ended.

Encouraged by his success, Alfredo charged out for the final round and nailed Snipes with a solid overhand right—probably the hardest single punch of the fight. The fight ended with a robust cheer for Alfredo and another round of boos for Snipes. It was enough to make a grown man cry, and that's exactly what Evangelista did when the decision in his favor was announced.

Judge John Marino voted for Snipes, 47-43, but was overruled by judges John Cerone and Dwayne Ford, who scored the fight 48-46 and 46-45, respectively, for Evangelista.

In another upset, southpaw Jeff Malcolm, 144, Australia, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Joe Young, 144, Steubenville, Ohio, 10. Scores for Malcolm were 48-44, 48-43, and 49-42.

Featherweight contender Azumah (Iron Man) Nelson, 127½, Ghana, TKO'd easy mark Alberto Collazo, 128, Pittsburgh, at 1:40 of the second round in their scheduled 10.

Alvin (Sweet) Hayes, 134½, Detroit, TKO'd Davidson Andeh, 135, Nigeria, at 2:55 of the seventh round in another scheduled 10. Andeh was down just before the stoppage. Hayes is now 20-0- with 17 kayoes. Andeh lost for the first time in 20 pro starts.

Hurley Snead, 119, Detroit, TKO'd James Tolliver, 116, Cleveland, at 2:35 of the third in their scheduled 10.

Jocko Johnson, 191¼, Phila., kayoed Leonard Edwards, 182, Cleveland, in 0:50 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Edwards was down twice.

Pete Baca, 122¼, Colorado, TKO'd Frankie Gill, Warren, Ohio, at 2:58 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Carmelo Huerta, 132, New York, TKO'd Rafiael Castillo, 128¼, New York, at 1:07 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Title fight judges were Guy Jutras (Canada), Fernando Viso (Venezuela), and Samuel Conde (Puerto Rico).

Rademacher refereed Nelson-Collazo and Huerta-Castillo. Bernie Profato worked Hayes-Andeh, Malcolm-Young, Johnson-Edwards, and Baca-Gill. Terry Nicoplis handled Evangelista-Snipes and Snead-Tolliver.

The main event was televised live on HBO.

Timekeeper—Chet O'Kelly.

Site-Coliseum.

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Attendance—6,000 (estimated).

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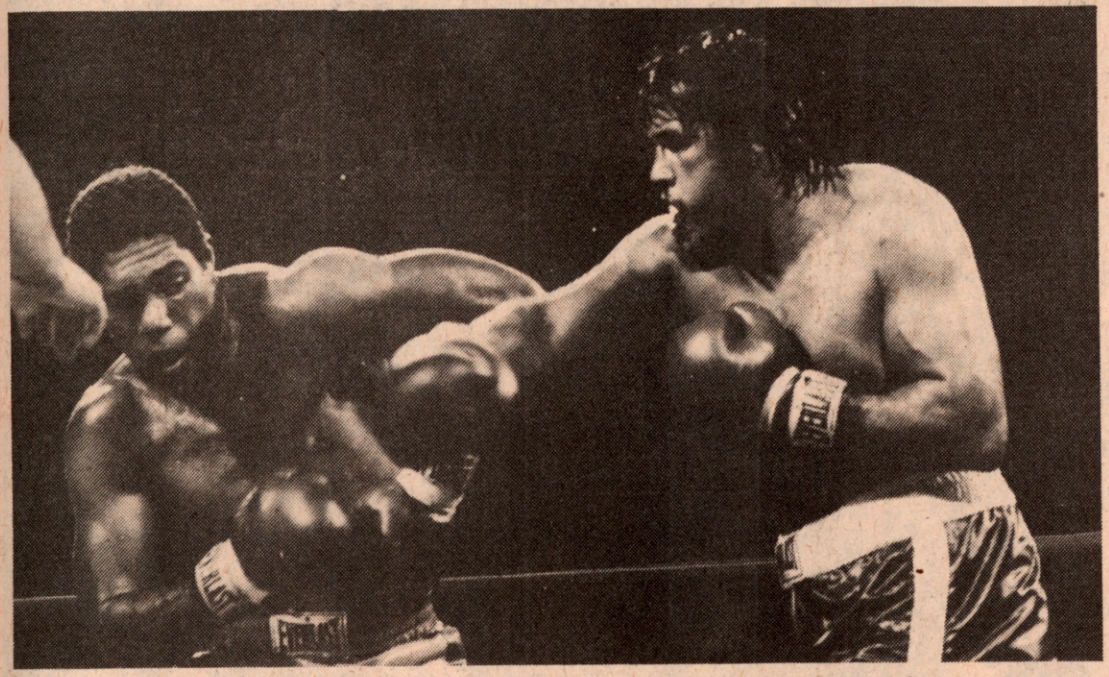

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MANCINI-ROMERO
WBA Lightweight Title

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—A STEADY parade of WBA champions making mandatory defenses against foreign stiffs ranked *numero uno* by the World Boxing Association has made American boxing fans—not to mention writers—rather wary of "Who's he?" men from Korea, Japan, and Latin America. Usually, these fighters—and the term is here used rather loosely—get themselves bombed out within a few rounds in a boring and/or totally onesided fight that makes the cynics wonder why *The Ring* gives it the dignity of a Ringside Report.

This reporter tended to regard Peru's Orlando Romero as a trifle different. While he was obviously not entitled to the number one ranking accorded him by what one renegade journalist has described as the World Bribe Association, he had beaten at least a few semi-respectable names (Leonidas Asprilla, Ruben Riani, Antonio "Kid Can" Cruz, and Jerome Artis among them), held the Latin American lightweight title (whatever that means), and was at least a candidate for top 10 honors. (Romero was, in fact, ranked 10th by *The Ring* International Ratings Panel.)

Promoter Bob Arum had hoped to follow the virtually sell-out Duran-Moore fight with another big gate, but only 10,900 fans showed up in Madison Square Garden to see WBA lightweight king Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini, 135, Youngstown, Ohio, defend against Romero, 134¾, in a scheduled 15-round bout. Seven thousand of them were Mancini fans, 900 were Peruvians, and the remaining 3,000 were hard core followers of boxing.

Mancini had not fought since February 6, when he'd outpointed Britain's George Feeney in a hard-fought 10-rounder in Italy. That the seven-month layoff, coupled with the fact that Romero was a southpaw, gave Ray trouble should have come as no surprise. Boom Boom freely admits that left-handers plague him, as witnessed by his surprisingly difficult fight with Deuk-Koo Kim.

The rusty champ seemed tentative throughout against Romero, allowing the Peruvian to land frequently with a left hand lead. Even more surprising was Romero's strength inside. He hit Mancini with left uppercuts in close from round two through the seventh, piling up the points without ever rocking Boom Boom. Orlando isn't much of a puncher, having scored only 12 knockouts in 31 previous bouts. But what surprised the experts, even more than his comparative success, was that Romero did not try to stay away from Ray and box him. He mixed willingly at close range till the ninth round, sustaining a cut underneath his left eye but little other damage.

Mancini was cut near his own left optic in the fifth round—a more dangerous cut because the blood might easily have flowed into the eye itself. His corner kept it in control until the eighth round, when it reopened again.

The cut looked ugly this time, and Mancini's corner told him to be more aggressive in the ninth. Ray did so, and one punch after another found its mark on the Peruvian, who was beginning to tire from Mancini's pressure. A full foot-long left hook caught Orlando on the chin as he stepped back and lowered his guard for an instant. He went down like a felled tree, and referee Tony Perez counted "10" at 1:56 of the round.

"I hope they don't find any more of these tough foreign guys," said Ray at the press conference. "He's not a real hard hitter, but he has 'heavy hands,' you know what I mean?"

Scoring after eight rounds: judge Nick Drake (Panama), 77-77; judge Ismael Fernandez (Puerto Rico), 77-76, Mancini; judge Yusaku Yoshida (Japan), 79-77, Mancini. *The Ring* had it 77-76, Romero.

Mancini is now 27-1 with 21 knockouts. Romero is 30-1-1.

Many names were bandied about when it came time to talk about Ray's next opponent. The public wants Pryor, but Ray's people want Bobby Chacon, and Ray's people call the shots.

As for Howard Davis, Jr., the political outcast in the lightweight title sweepstakes . . . it's "No way, Jose," as Mr. Sugar said to Mr. Torres.

Tidjani Sidibe, also known as Nino LaRocca, 150, Genoa, Italy, won a unanimous decision over "Schoolboy" Jerry Cheatham, also 150, Phoenix, Arizona, 10. All three scorecards read 10-0, but Cheatham proved a stubborn opponent who did not let Nino showboat very long. LaRocca was booed at the end, and incidentally, Cheatham showed that Nino *can* be hit. LaRocca is now 52-0 with 39 kayoes. Cheatham is 34-11-2 with 21 knockouts. Luis Rivera, referee.

Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, 135, North Haledon, New Jersey, stepped into the big time with a unanimous (8-2 on all three cards) decision over former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, also 135, Puerto Rico, 10. Escalera's manager, Paul Ruiz, never looks at the ring when his men fight, and he didn't have much reason to in this bout. Brown showed that he has a right hand in addition to his left hook and white skin, raising his record to 18-0 with 15 kayoes in the process. Escalera slumped to 47-14-3 with 28 knockouts. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Steve Floch, 240, Staten Island, TKO'd Charlie Arnold, 225, New York, at 1:55 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Floch is now 7-0 with five knockouts. Arnold is 201. Luis Rivera, referee.

"Rockin'" Rodney Frazier, 201, Philadephia, floored and stopped "Smokin'" Mike Perkins, 224, Hollywood, Florida, in 1:44 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Frazier is now 9-0—all knockouts. Perkins is 13-3 with eight kayoes. John LoBianco, referee.

Carlos Hernandez, 213, New York knockout out Tui Aloha, 229, Honolulu, in 2:59 of the first round in the scheduled six-round opener. Hernandez is now 6-0 with five kayoes. Aloha is 4-1 with three knockouts. Vincent Rainone, Referee.

"Smokin' " Joe Frazier, Jr., 136½, Philadelphia, kayoed Richard Stinnie, 136, Virginia, in 1:47 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. John LoBianco, referee. Frazier is now 6-0—all knockouts. Stinnie is 6-3.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

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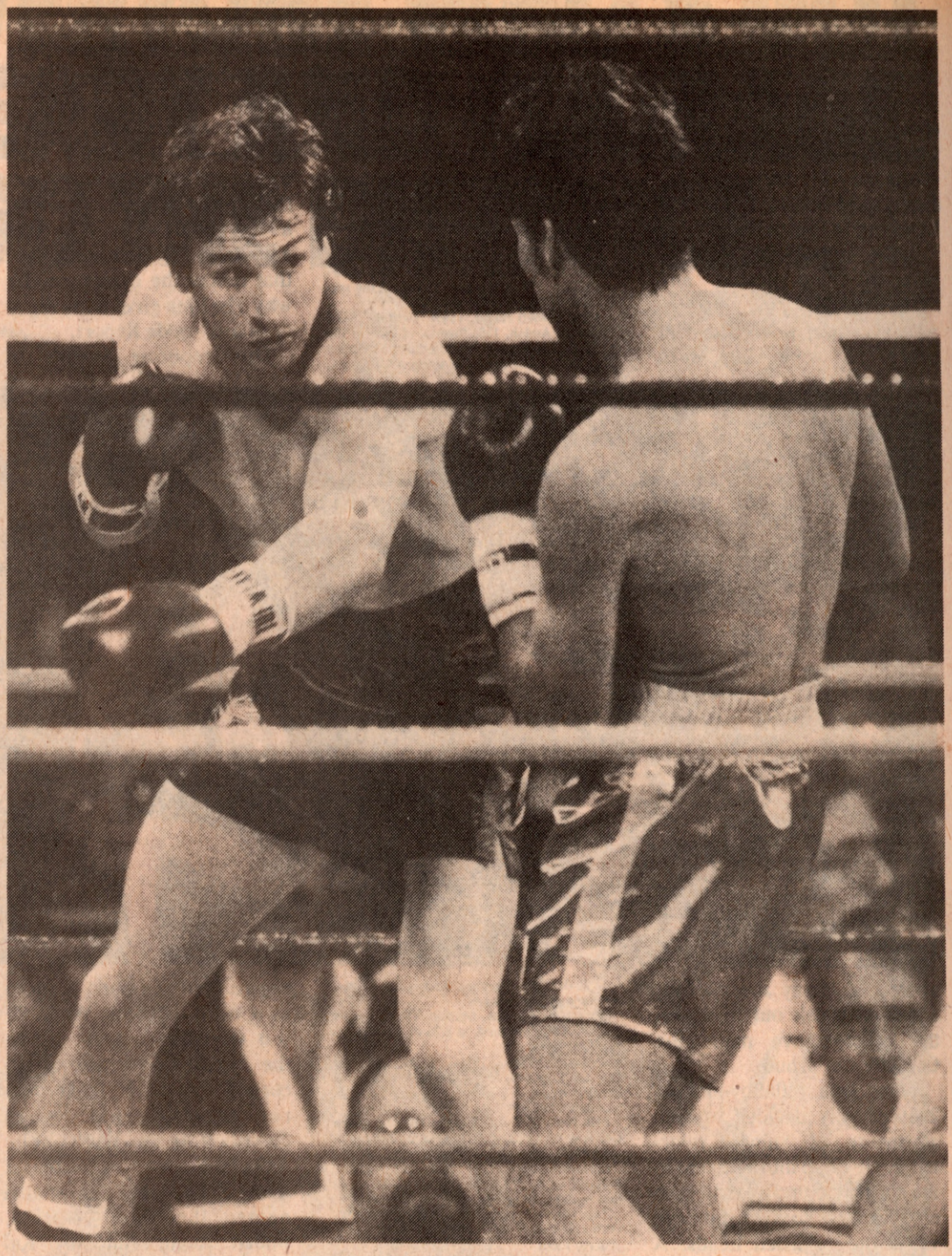
(09-15-83) *HERBERT G. GOLDMAN*



SUTHERLAND-RAMOS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—IN AN APparent attempt to transform Murray Sutherland into a soprano, Alex Ramos repeatedly belted the Scottish veteran below the belt, fouling away a fight he probably would have won, otherwise. And while there were those who felt that referee Paul Venti's actions were too severe, he was technically within his rights in taking the fifth, eighth and 10th rounds away from Ramos. Alex was warned numerous times, but refused to refrain from teeing off on Murray's family jewels. It was simply a case of too low, too often.

Ramos, 160, got off to a very promising start. The concentration that had been missing in many of his recent outings had returned and he beat Sutherland to the punch over the first four rounds. It was beginning to look like his new association with trainer Janks Morton was bearing fruit.

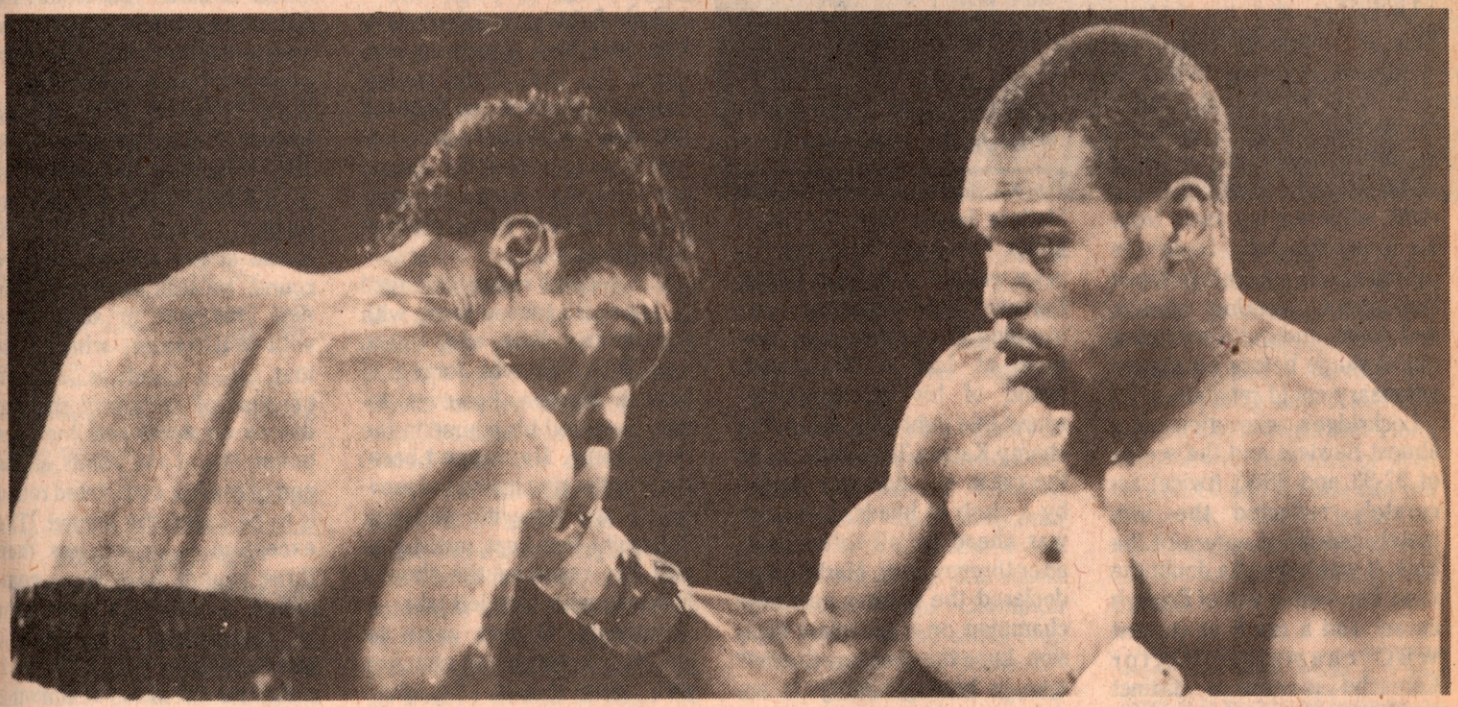
Then, in the fourth, Alex received his first warning when a hook strayed south of the border. It was quickly forgotten, however, when a snazzy right-left combination dropped Sutherland on his rump for an eight-count.

"One minute I was on my feet and the next I was on my pants," reported Murray later. "He definitely hurt me. He took my legs out from under me."

Ramos continued his attack in the fifth, but had the session taken away when he nailed Sutherland in the groin. Although few realized it at the time, the fight was starting to slip away.

In the eighth, another shot to the cup prompted Venti to penalize Ramos again. Why Alex didn't stick to head punches is still a mystery.

By the ninth, Ramos was running low on gas and Sutherland



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popped him in his damaged nose with enough jabs to win the round on his own merit. The fight was now critically close and Alex needed a strong finish to pull it out.

Both men went head-to-head in the 10th, and even though Sutherland deliberately butted Ramos in the face at one point, it was Alex who had the round taken away when two more shots landed low.

There were accusations from some quarters that Sutherland, 160½, had been guilty of milking the situation and was more deserving of an Academy Award than the unanimous decision.

"It was an important fight for both of us. You have to take advantage of what you can," admitted Sutherland. "But I wasn't play acting in there. I was in pain. He's got a lot of force behind his punches."

Ramos was not available for comment. He was rushed to the hospital for treatment of a broken nose.

The scoring was as follows: judge William Kostrub, 7-3; judge Frank Cairo, 6-4; judge Richard F. Murry, 5-5 (43-42 in points)—all in favor of Sutherland.

In the top prelim, Livingstone Bramble, 134¾, Passaic, N.J., TKO'd Juan Hernandez, 134¾, Los Angeles, at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Referee, Venti.

Dave Todt, 160¼, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Joe Riley, 161, Bay City, Mich., at 2:30 of the second round in a scheduled six. Referee, Ted Pick.

Rodney Trusel, 150¾, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy (Shotgun) Muse, 150, Phila., six. Referee, Pick.

Charlie Smith, 140¼, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Jack Moore, 145, Phila., four. Referee, Pick.

Southpaw James Ayers, 126, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Jo Jo Wallace, 121, East Orange, N.J., four. Referee, Pick.

The card was televised over the MIZLOU Network.

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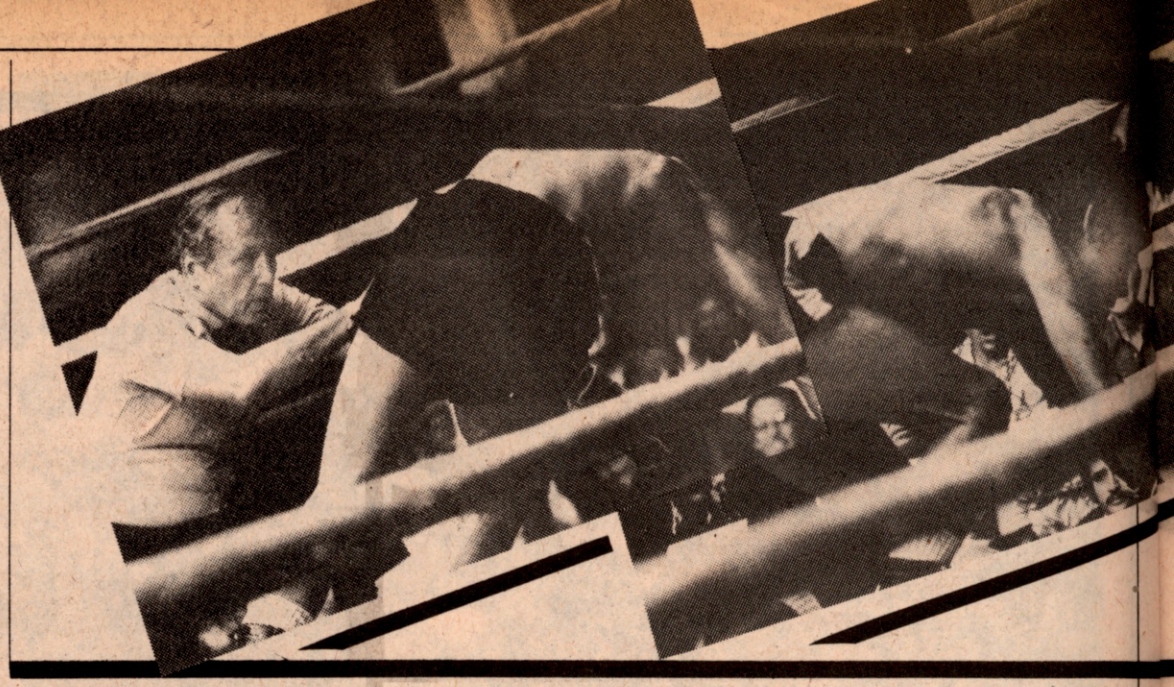
(09-13-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

LOCKRIDGE–BOZA-EDWARDS

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—ROCKY LOCKridge made an auspiciopus debut as a junior lightweight, rallying from a first round knockdown to win a convincing 10-round unanimous decision over former WBC junior lightweight champion Cornelius Boza-Edwards in support of Pryor-Arguello.

When Rocky signed to fight Boza-Edwards, it was considered a mistake by many of the so-called experts. While



Lockridge was well-regarded at 126 pounds, the general consensus was that Cornelius would simply be too big and too strong for him. Epic wars with the likes of Bobby Chacon, Rolando Navarrete, and Roberto Elizondo had established the Las Vegas-based Ugandan as one of the game's premier brawlers. But, in retrospect, perhaps he's been in too many brawls.

The fight started pretty much as expected. Boza-Edwards, 130½, dropped Lockridge, 129½, on the seat of his trunks with a right hook to the head. Rocky bounced up quickly and, from then on, surprised everybody by fighting an almost perfect fight. He was suddenly putting it all together and poor Cornelius was on his way to an unexpected beating.

Lockridge and his trainer, George Benton, developed an intelligent strategy, designed especially to confound poor Cornelius. Rocky constantly darted in and out, ducking under Boza-Edwards' probing right, while staying away from his powerful left. Lockridge punched in combinations throughout, working upstairs and down, and quickly nipping out of range before his slower adversary could retaliate.

Lockridge's execution was almost flawless and the scores of 97-93 and 98-93 (twice) accurately reflected the ultimately one-sided nature of the bout. It was beyond a doubt the most impressive win of Rocky's career and a crack at current WBC champion Hector Camacho is now a distinct possibility.

Anthony Tubbs, 224, Cincinnati, won a unanimous decision over Gordon Racette, 214, Vancouver, Canada, 10.

Bobby Czyz, 162, Wanaque, N.J., stopped Lambert Lee, 159½, Huntington Beach, Calif., at the end of the second round in a scheduled 10. This was Czyz's first start since he was outpointed by Mustafa Hamsho back in November of 1982.

Carl Williams, 217, New York, TKO'd Percell Davis, 227, Los Angeles, in 2:20 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Darrell Chambers, 150, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Lamont Haithcoach, 149½, Irvington, N.J., 10.

Vincent Pazienza, 136, Cranston, R.I., stopped Ricardo Moreno, 136, Los Angeles, at the end of the third round in a scheduled six.

Louis Espinoza, 127¼, Phoenix, TKO'd Manny Juarez, 126, Tucson, in 2:38 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Petrick Anderson, 211, Glendale, Ariz., won a unanimous decision over Guy Sieczkowski, 225, Pheonix, four.

Tyrone Powell, 130, Cincinnati, won a majority decision over Roberto Cantu, 132, Las Vegas, four.

Title fight judges—James Rondeau, Dr. James Kin, Chuck Minker.

Preliminary referees—Carlos Padilla and Jay Nady.

Preliminary judges—D. Shirley, J. Roth, D. Ford, D. Moretti, P. Smith, L. Tabat.

Timekeepers—Ed O'Toole, Mike LaCella, Charlie Roth, Jane Broadfoot.

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(09-09-83)

MADERA-TOKASHIKI
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—MEXICAN LUPE Madera finally won the WBA junior flyweight title, and the price was blood. Referee Carlos Berrocal ruled that he was bleeding too profusely to continue at 1:50 of the fourth round of his scheduled 15-round title fight with defending champ Katsuo Tokashiki. Since the cut in question was caused by a clash of heads, and Lupe was ahead on all three cards after three rounds, Madera was declared the winner and new champion on a technical decision. Lupe thus became the first man in boxing history to acquire a world crown on what's known as a "tech win."

This was the third meeting between Madera and Tokashiki. On April 4, 1982, Tokashiki won a controversial split decision over Madera in Sendai, Japan. A rematch, held at Korakuen Hall on April 10 of this year, saw Tokashiki retain his title with a very disputed draw—a decision which prompted WBA president Gilberto Mendoza to order this third Tokashiki-Madera bout be held within three months. And it's more than likely that the ending of this one will result in yet a fourth bout. What makes it all so bad is that the fights are *not* exciting.

Both fighters weighed in at 108, and both appeared cautious in the first round. Tokashiki threw some light but fast jabs, and Madera was content to simply feel the champ out until the closing seconds. Then he tossed some shots at Tokashiki's face.

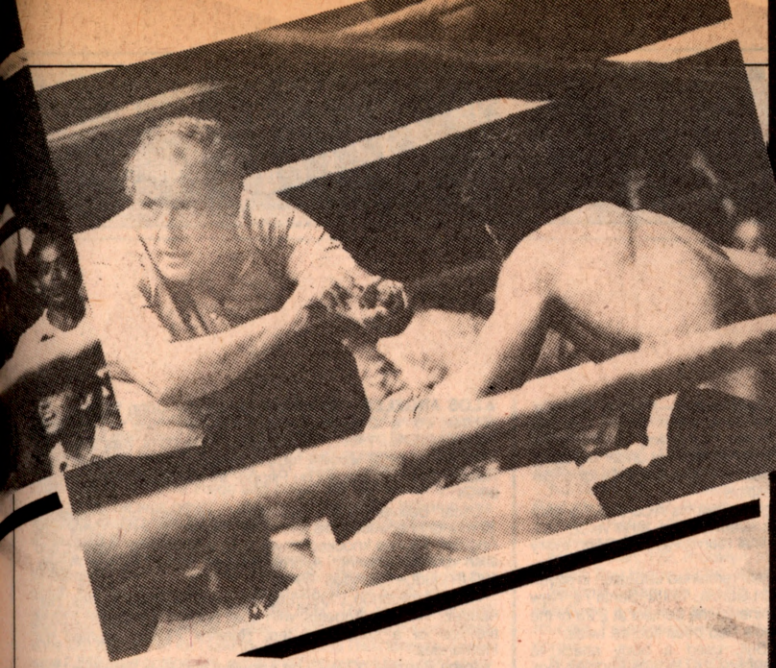
The second round belonged to Lupe. He turned loose with roundhouse lefts and rights, and Tokashiki was forced to retreat. Madera, however, totally reversed his course in the third frame. He stepped back, circling the ring instead of moving in and throwing punches. Tokashiki just kept moving to and fro, reaching the shorter Mexican with long left jabs.

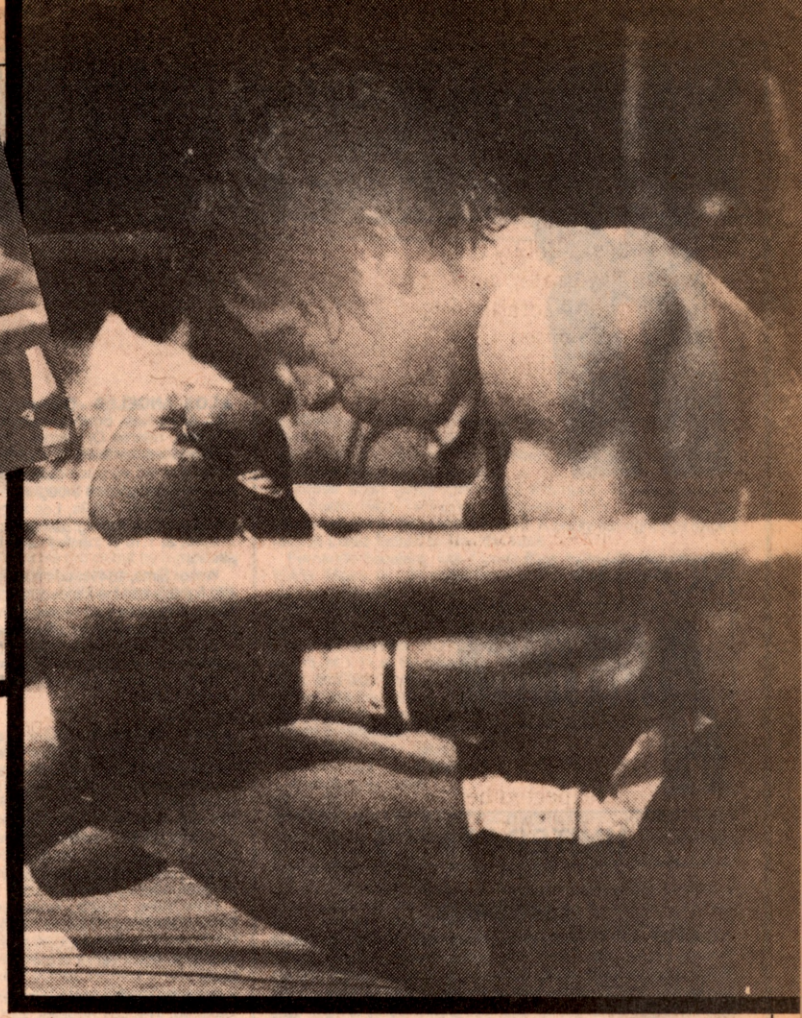
Suddenly, Madera came to life, and threw strong punches with both hands. Tokashiki managed to avoid this second *blitzkrieg*, but the sailing was far from smooth.

About a minute into round four, the men clashed heads, and blood poured out of a wide cut at the top of Lupe's skull. Both boxers traded solid punches for a few seconds before Madera suddenly stopped fighting and appealed to referee Berrocal about his cut. The third man then called Dr. Toshio Miyamoto of the Japanese Boxing Commission and had him examine Madera. The JBC physician advised the Panamanian referee to stop the bout. Berrocal did, and pandemonium broke loose.

The crowd yelled for the fight to continue, and it was awhile before the JBC announced that the bout was a draw. However, WBA witness Melvin Ziegler of Miami and JBC Executive Secretary Shigeru Kojima discussed matters further. Since Madera was ahead at the end of the third round, he was called the winner. This was in accordance with WBA rules, which state that, if a bout is stopped because of an injury suffered due to an accidental butt, the boxer ahead on points at the end of the last completed round is to be called the winner. (The exception is when less than three rounds have been completed, in which case the fight is automatically declared a technical draw.)

Kojima tried to calm the crowd—which reacted with intense anger to the "second" decision—by saying that the JBC would try to get a rematch ordered by the WBA. Three days later, Kojima flew to New York, where WBA executives Gilberto Mendoza and Elias Cordoba (the latter is the championship committee chairman) were staying. Kojima's powers of persuasion didn't fail him, and Mendoza announced that Madera would have to face Tokashiki no later than October 25—and not make any defenses before then.





Madera is now 35-12-2 with 25 kayoes. Tokashiki is 18-2-2 with three knockouts.

The boxing world is about ready to say "No Mas!" to the Madera-Tokashiki series.

Southpaw Hiroyuki Tada, 110¼, knocked out Kenzaburo Nobu, also 110¼, with a solid left uppercut to the liver in 1:26 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Tada, a stablemate of Tokashiki, is now 12-6-1 with three kayoes. Nobu is 10-6 with four knockouts.

Mitsuru Sugiya, 127, kayoed Hiromi Oshima, 128, in 2:41 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Tomoo Matsumoto, 108, floored Masahiro Onishi, 107½, twice and halted him at 0:50 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Scoring of Madera-Tokashiki after three: referee Carlos Berrocal (Panama), 30-28; judges Albert Tremari (U.S.A.) and Stuart Kirschenbaum (U.S.A.), both 30-27—all for Lupe Madera.

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(07-10-83)

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DAVILA-BEJINES
Vacant WBC Bantamweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—THREE times in the past, Albert Davila failed to win the world bantamweight championship, and when, on a rare fourth attempt, he finally succeeded, knocking out Francisco (Kiko) Bejines in the 12th and final round, his long sought after dream turned into a tragedy. Moments after being counted out by referee Waldemar Schmidt, Bejines fell to the canvas in a coma and had to be carried from the ring on a stretcher. The following day, a portion of Bejines' brain was removed in a three and one-half hour emergency operation at L.A. County-USC Medical Center. Two days later, the 20-year-old Bejines was pronounced dead.

The fight, at the Olympic Auditorium, was for the vacant World Boxing Council 118-pound title, and it was scheduled for just 12 rounds because the WBC decided, after the death of Deuk-Koo Kim last year, that a fighter's safety can be protected by shortening world title fights. Bejines, from Guadalajara, Mexico, was ahead on two of the official scorecards going into the last round, and the 29-year-old Davila needed a knockout to win. The fight was closely contested from the start. There were no knockdowns, and many at ringside felt Davila might have held a slight edge.

In the 11th round, there was some hint of the terrible ending to come. Bejines suddenly appeared weakened, and, though he pushed himself through the motions, there was hardly any spirit in his effort.

Davila came out strong in the 12th round and quickly scored sharp punches with both hands. Bejines, 118, stood flat-footed in ring center, looking bewildered and unable to move away. Davila stepped in with a solid left-right combination to the head, and, seconds later, landed a thunderous right to the face that knocked Bejines to the canvas.

Davila, also 118, Pomona, reportedly called to his manager, "He's not going to get up," as he moved to a neutral corner following the knockdown. Bejines did make it to his feet, trudged a few steps, then collapsed. He never regained consciousness.

There is a peculiar cruelty in coincidences that became attached to human disaster. Three years ago, Welshman Johnny Owen died after being knocked out in the 12th round by bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor in the same ring. Three months later, Davila lost a very close decision against Pintor in a title bid. Bejines, one of three brothers active in boxing, had received a CAT scan just a month before his death, and there was no indication of damage.

Davila never had a reputation as a heavy hitter. He was respected as a good boxer, short-armed, but plenty tough, and finally, in the 12th year of his career, he came up with his greatest victory and joined to his name the legend of "world champion." Yet, sadly, he only had a few brief moments to rejoice.

A few days after the fight someone who had known Bejines for years said, "Kiko was never afraid of dying. He knew it could happen in the ring, but he was young and brave and fighting had brought him a long way. He was very sure of what he wanted and no one can put blame on Albert Davila for what happened. The same end could have happened to Davila."

Julio Cesar Chaves won a majority 10-round decision over Adrian Arreola in a junior lightweight contest. Chavez now claims a 36-0 record, 34 by knockout, but he was less than spectacular against his slick, ring smart foe. Chaves, 129¼, Culican, Mexico, pressed the bout all the way, and though he clearly won, he had to pay the price in frustration against the confident counter-punching Arreola, 128½, East Los Angeles.

Chaves took two cuts on his face for the triumph. Judge Lou Filippo scored it 97-94, while judge Lou Moret had it 96-94, both for the winner. Referee John Thomas tabbed it 96-96.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, Jorge Vaca, 146½, Guadalajara, battered Eduardo Dominez, 143¼, L.A., to an all-out finish at the end of the sixth. Though Vaca dominated, it was a good fight—not supreme art, but the meat-and-potatoes of the sport.

In a four-round appetizer, Joey Olivera, 135¼, Pasadena, was awarded a unanimous decision over Steve Sotelo, 136, from Oxnard, in a scrap without any of the finer points. A tough scuffle all the way.

Finally, in another four-rounder, Damasio Cortez, 141, Los Angeles, came off with a majority decision over rugged Edwin Williams, 140, Los Angeles. Both fellows raised the curtain in proud fashion.

(09-01-83)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building—Eddie (Animal) Lopez, 208, East Los Angeles, kayoed Benjamin Griffin (Rahim Muhammad), 192½, Kansas City, referee Larry Rozadilla intervening at 2:37 of the sixth in a scheduled 10 when Griffin made no attempt to get up after being decked by a right. Late substitute Griffin had lost every round.

Alfonso Long, 145½, Los Angeles TKO'd Ignacio Acosta, 144½, Houston, referee Robert Byrd intervening at 2:24 of the first in a scheduled eight to save the outclassed Acosta from further punishment.

Unbeaten Dennis Mulholland, 144¼, Bakersfield, kayoed Jesus Rosales, 149, Houston, in 2:56 in the third of a scheduled eight, referee Lou Moret stopping the fight with Rosales out on his feet and not fighting back.

Ronnie Adams, 146, Culver City, and Ricardo Fraire, 149, Los Angeles, fought to a unanimous four-round draw.
(08-02-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Hugo Perez, 122¼, Tijuana, kayoed late substitute Adan Uribe, 120½, Mexicali, referee John Thomas calling a halt at 2:15 of the third in a scheduled 10 with Uribe upright but in no shape to continue after being floored for the second time. Southpaw Perez was decked midway through the second, but recovered quickly to knock down Uribe seconds later.

Leon Gray, 173, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Larry Musgrove, 172, Los Angeles, five. Scoring: referee Armando Muniz, 49-47; judge Eddie Fierro, 50-46; judge John Thomas, 49-46.

Elfago Sosa, 122, Los Angeles, was a near shutout six-round unanimous winner over Antonio Gonzales, 188½, Tijuana. Scoring: referee Muniz, 60-58; judge Fierro, 59-55; judge Thomas, 59-56.

Mike Evans, 224½, Carson, and Frank Garcia, 207½, Los Angeles, ended up all even after four. Scoring: referee Muniz, 40-37, Evans; judge Fierro, 39-37, Garcia; judge Thomas, 39-39.
(08-04-83)

▲VENTURA—County Fairgrounds—Lupe Aquino, 149, Santa Pa-la, made it 20 wins in 21 fights, 13 inside the distance, when he stopped David Madrid, 150, Poza Rica, Mexico, at 1:57 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Aquino had already floored Madrid twice and was slamming away with both hands when referee John Thomas rescued the outgunned former Mexican welterweight champion.

Niua Tofaeono, 175, Long Beach, a plodding but hard punching Samoan, halted Marcos Garcia, 180, Tijuana, at 2:19 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10, Garcia deciding he'd had enough after taking a nine count from referee Lou Filippo. Scoring after seven: Filippo, 69-65, Garcia; judge Dick Young, 67-66, Garcia; judge Thomas, 67-67.

Danny "Shorty" Ortiz, 139, Simi, evened his record at 4-4-1 by knocking out winless Willy Garcia, 138, San Diego, at 2:09 of the third in a scheduled six. Referee Young intervened after Garcia had been floored for the second time.

Unbeaten Johnny Watkins, 124, Los Angeles, won his second professional fight, unanimously outpointing (40-36, 40-35, 39-37) Bobby Ortiz, 127, Simi, four. Watkins clinched his win by flooring Ortiz in the final round.

Rudolfo Villegas, 149, Tijuana, and debuting Elvis Corniel, 147, Santa Monica, fought to a four-round draw, all three officials scoring 38-38.
(08-10-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Marcos Geraldo, 172, Guaymas, Sonora, stopped King David Smith, 175, Los Angeles, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin intervening at 1:10 of the eighth of a scheduled 10 with Smith upright but under pressure. Smith was not very competitive, but he stayed around a lot longer than most ringsiders thought possible.

Derrick Kelly, 149¾, Los Angeles, ran his record to 7-0 (four knockouts) by halting game but overmatched John Veloz, 153, Fresno, at 1:16 of the sixth and final round. Kelly had won every session.

Walter Sims, 134¼, Los Angeles, remained unbeaten in seven pro fights when he kayoed Albert Garcia, 139¼, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Referee Lou Moret terminated the contest at 2:28 of the first of a scheduled six after Garcia had been floored twice.

Danny Rodriguez, 150¼, Bell, used a body attack to unanimously decision Valdez Hubbard, 147¼, Los Angeles, five. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 49-47; judge Jen-Kin, 48-47; judge Moret, 49-46.
(08-11-83)

▲SAN BERNARDINO—Arena—Roberto Juarez, 139, Pomona, flattened Jose Luis Castro, 138, San Bernardino, with a right to the head in 1:43 of the second in a scheduled 10.

Jose Delgado, 161, Pomona, showed good defensive skills to unanimously outpoint Warren Hardy, 159, West Covina, five. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 49-46; judge Rudy Jordan, 50-46; judge Dr. James Ken-Kin, 49-46.

Angel Perez, 155, Riverside, won a close and hard fought unanimous decision over Roberto Veta, 154, Los Angeles, four, all three officials scoring 39-38.

Hard-hitting Lorenzo Rodriguez, 135, Colton, stopped tough Ismael Gonzalez, 133, Los Angeles, referee Chuch Hassett intervening at 1:04 of the fourth and final round. Debuting Gonzalez had been down earlier in the fourth, but he never stopped fighting back.

Alberto Garcia, 144½, Chino, unanimously outpointed Frank Gallardo, 114, Los Angeles, four, all three officials scoring 39-37. Debuting Gallardo did not punch hard enough to hold off the aggressive Garcia.
(08-12-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Once beaten Lupe Aquino, 148¾, Santa Paula, improved his record to 21-1 with 14 kayoes by stopping Victor Abraham, 150, Phoenix, at 1:04 of the seventh in a scheduled 10. Aggressive Aquino floored Abraham with a right to the chin early in the seventh, then battered the veteran until referee Dr. James Jen-Kin stepped in thirty seconds later.

Southpaw Rich Fowler, 120¾, Albuquerque, had to work hard to unanimously outpoint game veteran loser Jose Resendiz, 135½, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 59-55; judge John Thomas, 59-56; judge Jen Kin, 58-57.

Denorvell Collier, 200, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Frank Garcia, 204½, Los Angeles, five. Garcia was decked in the second. Scoring: referee Thomas, 49-45; judge Hassett, 48-46; judge Jen-Kin, 49-46.

Jack Fix, 144½, Albuquerque, stopped John Baltierra, , 147¼, Bakersfield, referee Hassett intervening after only 0:38 of the first in a scheduled five. Baltierra did not try to fight back after going down from a right to the body.

Rene Hedman, 129½, Los Angeles, flattened Manuel Din, 129, San Diego, with a left hook to the chin in 1:56 of the first in a scheduled four.

Peter Cunningham, 141, Santa Monica, won a four-round split decision over Anthony Joseph, 140¼, Los Angeles. Every round was close, but Cunningham won on work-rate. Scoring: referee Hassett, 39-37 Cunningham; judge Thomas, 39-37 Cunningham; judge Jen-Kin, 39-38 Joseph.

James Sowell, 129¾, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten Alfonso Velasquez, 129¼, Los Angeles, in a six-round show closer. Sowell was too experienced for the three-fight novice.
(08-18-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena—Richie Sandoval, 120, Pomona, gave an impressive display of accurate punching to unanimously outpoint Ramon Rico, 119, Apatzingan, Mexico, 10. Sandoval, 22-0 won every round but the eighth. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 99-92; judge Robert Byrd, 100-90; judge Dick Young, 99-91.

Georgie Garcia, 119¼, Westminster, won by technical decision over Ernie Chavez, 120, Salt Lake City, at 1:23 of the fifth in a scheduled 10. Garcia, 18-2-2, was clearly ahead on all three cards when he was cut over his right eye by an accidental Chavez butt.

Rocky Garcia, 130, Placentia, chalked up his 26th victory against four losses when he TKO'd brave Antonio Guido, 130, Los Angeles, at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Stocky Guido tried to punch with the more skilled Garcia, but was behind on points when Dr. Roger Thill stopped the fight after examining Antonio's cut left eye.

Gilbert Davila, 117, Pomona, kayoed Caeser Flores, 120, Los Angeles, at 2:23 of the fourth and final round. Debuting Davila, the younger brother of top rated bantamweight Albert Davila, cut and floored Flores twice in the fourth. (08-25-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—John Montes, 137, Whittier, won a 10-round unanimous decision over world ranked Sergio Medina, 136½, Guadalajara. One point was deducted form the score of Medina for low blows. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 97-93; judge Lou Filippo, 97-93; judge Rudy Jordan, 96-94.

Oscar Bejines, 127, Guadalajara, pounded out a lopsided 10-round unanimous decision over Ruben Solorio 126½, Los Angeles. Bejines knocked down Solorio in the first, second, and sixth rounds. Scoring: referee Jordan, 100-88; judge Filippo, 100-87; judge Rozadilla, 99-88.

Rene Arredondo, 139, Los Angeles, kayoed Carlos Hernandez, 140, Los Angeles, with a left hook to the liver in 2:58 of the first of a scheduled ten. Referee Filippo counted out Hernandez.

Jorge Ramirez, 123¼, Los Angeles, and Sam Espinosa, 123, Santa Paula, fought to an eight-round draw. Scoring: referee Filippo. 76-76; judge Jordan, 76-76; judge Rozadilla, 77-76, Espinosa.

Danny Rodriguez, 150, Bell, unanimously outpointed debuting Jesse Mora, 145½, Los Angeles, four. Rodriguez was in trouble in the first, but came back strongly in the third and floored Mora in the fourth. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-37; judge Filippo, 38-37; judge Rozadilla, 40-36.
(08-25-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Hyatt Regency Ballroom—G.C. Smith, 172, Los Angeles, kayoed Jessie Island, 175, San Diego, with a short right to the head in 1:35 of the third in a scheduled 12 to win the vacant California light heavyweight title. Referee John Thomas counted Island out.

Comebacking Marty Monroe, 212, Los Angeles, stopped Ed (Savage) Turner, 191, Memphis, referee Dr. James Jin-Kin intervening at 2:34 of the second in a scheduled 10 with Turner very unsteady after being floored for the third time.

Debuting Ricky Reese, 210, Los Angeles, flattened Mike Evans, 220½, Carson, referee Jen-Kin counting out Evans at 2:20 of the first in a scheduled 10.

Matthew Lewis, 164, Los Angeles, TKO'd Jorge Miranda, 164, San Diego, referee Jen-Kin intervening at 1:03 of the fifth of a scheduled six to save Miranda from further punishment. Miranda was game and was never floored, but did not hit hard enough to hold off the big punching Lewis.

John Watkins, 124, Los Angeles, was a four-round split winner over debuting Vicente Juarez, 126, Los Angeles. Juarez was decked in the first but made it close by winning the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 38-37, Watkins; judge Gwen Farrell, 39-38, Juarez; judge Thomas, 40-36, Watkins.
(08-26-83)

▲INGLEWOOD—The Forum—Jeff Stoudemire, 157, Venice, impressively halted Jeff McCracken, 158½, Las Vegas, at 2:49 of the fourth of a scheduled 12 to win The Forum middleweight championship. The sharp jabs of Stoudemire opened a bad cut on the left eyelid of the much slower McCracken early in the first and he was bouncing punches off the head of the brave ex-marine when referee Dr. James Jen-Kin stopped the fight. The 6'2, 25-year-old Stoudemire improved his record to 13-2 with nine knockouts. McCracken, who shaved his head for the tournament, fell to 17-3-1.

California State champion Connie Swift, 134, Lynwood, captured the tournament's lightweight crown by unanimously outscoring Kevin Lampkins, 132, Los Angeles, 12. Lampkins fought defensively after he was stunned in the second, and was a shutout loser on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 120-111; judge Armando Muniz, 120-109; Judge Jen-Kin, 119-108. Swift improved his record to 12-0-2 with six knockouts. Lampkins, who lost seven of his first 12, is now 13-10-2.

In one of four non-tournament bouts, unbeaten Mike Sedillo, 180, Chino, kayoed Kenny Ringo, 173, Detroit, with a left hook to the chin in 0:23 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Veteran prelim fighter Mike Anderson, 136, Los Angeles, stopped previously unbeaten Walter Sims, 135, Los Angeles, referee Muniz rescuing a wobbly Sims at 1:26 of the third of a scheduled six shortly after Sims had been decked by a left uppercut.

Manuel Canela, 124¾, Inglewood, battered Rocky Murphy, 127, San Diego, until Murphy retired in his corner at the end of the third in a scheduled four. Murphy stopped fighting back after being floored by a right two minutes into the opening round.

Mike Gutierrez, 152, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Roberto Veta, 154, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round.
(08-29-83)

DEAN LOHUIS

▲SAN CARLOS—Circle Star Theatre—A near capacity crowd showed up for a double main event, but the card was plagued with bad luck from start to finish and the fans went back to their homes grumbling and unhappy. In the feature 10-round fight, light heavyweight Oscar Rivadeneyra suffered his first pro loss when referee Vern Bybee disqualified him in the eighth round for numerous low blows against opponent James Williams.

Raised in Peru, now living in San Francisco, Rivadeneyra came into the fight with an 18-0 record—rated number one by the WBC—and was expected to next challenge Michael Spinks for

the world title. Although Rivadeneyra was winning handily against Williams, he may have blown his chance at fighting for the title. An obscure fighter, Rivadeneyra was frustrated against an opponent with a 23-17-2 record. Williams, 171, from Portland, Ore., was smart enough to move inside and crowd the hometown favorite, and though he was never in charge of the action, Williams was winning a moral battle by surviving and exposing the flaws of the world-rated Rivadeneyra.

In the fifth round, referee Bybee took a point away from Oscar for punching low, and he should have done the same thing in the eighth. But, for some unexplained reasen, Bybee threw in a stinking monkey wrench and halted the fight. The scorecards until then were 69-62 by referee Bybee, which includes the point loss is the fifth round—all for hulking, 175-pound Rivadeneyra. There were 2,840 paid customers, easily the best crowd for a fight show at Circle Star in the past decade, and, when the fight was abruptly stopped, they booed and moaned and threw beer cups into the ring.

In a co-feature 10-round bout, former WBA lightweight champion Arturo Frias, 135, Montebello, was beating up San Jose fighter Jerry Lewis until an accidental butt in the fourth round put a damper on his comeback. Frias, now 28-3 won by a technical decision, but was denied a good workout and is now sidelined with a 15-stitch cut on his left brow. Lewis was knocked down in the second round from a right to the ear, but was retreating for the most part and figured to hang in for a while. Frias, who had hoped for a rematch with Ray Mancini, was punching away with both hands until the unintentional butt halted the fight. It was a big disappointment for the customers, but proved to be just an appetizer to the putrid ending in the light heavyweight match. Promoter Leni Vanisi grossed $26,207 at the gate, but, with low ticket prices and a big bill for the double main event, the card ended up losing money.

In a five-round prelim, Sonny Naupoto, San Bruno, 144, won a split decision over Morris Frazier, Richmond, 145. Frazier, making his pro debut, was dropped in the first round by Naupoto, now 7-1, but fought back hard and came close to stopping his opponent.

In a scheduled six-rounder, Osofua Patu, 165, Tonga, blasted out chin-first Dan Paquin, 157, Riverside, at 1:50 of the first round. Patu, now 8-0 with five knockouts, is expected to return on the next card in a 10-round bout.

Finally, Craig Hartford, 148½, Burlingame, won a unanimous four-round decision over fellow debutant Conrad Goode, 145¾, Oakland. Calling it a Keystone comedy would be kind.

It was that kind of a night. And as Joe Louis is supposed to have said, "Nobody got hurt but the customers."
(08-04-83)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

CONNECTICUT

▲**WEST HARTFORD—Agora Ballroom**—Downstate welterweight Felix Nance, 143, Groton, provided his ardent New London area rooters reason to cheer as he outpointed Elliot Williams, 147, Hartford, eight. Nance was comfortably ahead when a butt opened a cut over his left eye in the seventh; Felix then avoided unnecessary risk as Elliott took the final round. Sporting a "mouse" under his left eye from the second inning on, Williams was raked with sapping body shots, three corkscrew left hooks from down under jarring him in the seventh.

Heavyweights stole the show in the semi-final, Tyrone Booze, 183, Hartford, getting the nod over John Tyrell, 178, Glens Falls, New York, six. Booze took command in the see-saw battle with an all-out, two-fisted assault in the fourth round. The aggressive New Yorker had taken an early lead in head-to-head exchanges, drawing cheers from the crowd. A 15-second burst of withering fire in the finale clinched it for Booze.

Troy (Schoolboy) Wortham, 144, Hartford, stopped Frank Mackey, 144, Albany, New York, in the second. It was Wortham's 13th win.

Milton (Cuda) Leaks, 145, Hartford, halted Jake Reilly, 144, Albany, in three. Leaks is now 6-0.

Marty Mattei, 149, Waterbury, kayoed Cumba Valentine, 147, Hartford, in the first round.

Edward Rodriguez, 132, Hartford, stopped James Zelinski, 134, Albany, in two.

Jesus Munoz, 157, Hartford, outscored Alan Rodriguez, 158, Holyoke, Mass., four.

Officials—Bob Muravnick, Sam Maltempo, Matt Mallaney.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Steven M. Stein.
Ring Announcer—Lou Dell.
Attendance—345. Gross—$4,290.
(08-09-83)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲**MIAMI—Milander Auditorium**—Johnny Torres, 135, Homestead, retained his Florida State junior welterweight crown with an upset kayo over Pedro Laza, 136, Miami, in the fourth round of a scheduled 12. Right uppercuts accounted for two flash knockdowns early in the fatal session, and a straight right flush on the chin dropped Laza for the full count. Pedro was out for a full five minutes.

Herman Diaz, 135, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Keith Jackson, 130, Miami, eight.

Adolfo Medel, 137, Miami, scored a hard earned decision over Raul Ahadelio, 137, Brooklyn, six.

Cesar Castro, 128, Brooklyn, won his third straight as a pro, outpointing Willie Martinez, 126, Miami, four.

Miguel Olan, 122, Brooklyn, made his pro debut by outscoring veteran Troy Higby, 122½, West Palm Beach, four.

Sammie Chapman, 147½, Miami, TKO'd Mike Spry, 153, Miami, on a cut eye at the end of two in their scheduled four-rounder. Former lightweight champ Beau Jack worked Spry's corner.

Ronnie Robinson, 163, Miami, TKO'd John Burney, 161, Miami, at 2:32 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter—Julio Martinez.
Attendance—880 (sell-out).
(07-01-83)

▲**HOLLYWOOD—Diplomat Hotel**—Popular Juan Arroyo, 138, Miami's fast rising lightweight, won a unanimous decision over veteran Clemente Rojas, 137, Colombia, 10. Arroyo won nine of the 10 rounds to up his record to 17-0-1.

Dorcy Gaymon, 202, Jacksonville, stepped in as a sub and scored an upset points win over highly touted Mike Perkins, 212, Hallendale, 10. Gaymon floored Perkins in the first, and Mike floored Dorcy in the third. Referee Joey Curtis of Las Vegas sustained a bad cut over the eye while separating the fighters in round four.

Terry Kemp, 117, Ft. Myers, won a unanimous decision over Ray Dennis, 126, Ft. Lauderdale, eight. It was close until the seventh, when Kemp floored Dennis with solid left hooks.

J.T. Thomas, 161, Ft. Lauderdale, scored two fast knockdowns to stop Miguel Torres, 162, Miami, at 1:12 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Abel Vargas, 135, Homestead, outscored Cornelius Drane, 136, Miami, four. Drane is now 3-1.

Phil Lewis, 156, Hollywood, outpointed Bruce Gorman, 156½, Ft. Lauderdale, four.

Promoter—Ernie Letiziano.
Attendance—1,155 (sell-out).
(07-08-83)

▲**MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton**—Sugar Rojas, 115, Colombia, retained his American Inter-Continental junior bantamweight crown with an impressive split decision over former WBA flyweight champion Alfonso Lopez, 115¼, Panama, 12. Lopez came on in the late innings to make it close. The popular Rojas, now 17-0, suffered a cut eye in the seventh round due to a clash of heads. Scoring: referee Eddie Eckart, 116-114, Rojas; judge Stu Winston, 115-114, Lopez; judge Al Wilensky, 117-114, Rojas.

William Machado, 146½, Miami, TKO'd Cirilo Morell, 141½, Miami, at 1:37 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Morell suffered a cut eye and a knockdown before referee Bernie Soto called a halt.

Terry Kemp, 128½, Ft. Myers, won a unanimous decision over Gavilan Gonzalez, also 128½, Miami, six.

Rocky Robinson, 160, Miami, kayoed David Epps, also 160, Miami, in 1:04 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Florentino Garcia, 119½, Miami, TKO'd Santiago Hermeda, 121, Miami, at 2:08 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—950.
(07-29-83)

▲**TAMPA—Hyatt Regency Ballroom**—John (The Beast) Mugabi, 156¼, Uganda, floored Jeffrey Nelson, 156½, Miami, three times in the second round for an automatic TKO. The scheduled 10-rounder lifted Mugabi's record to 17-0—all knockouts.

Richard Savage, 126, Monroe, La., kayoed Ruben Herasme, also 126, Santo Domingo, D.R., in 1:13 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10.

Kel Robin, 140, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Harold Brazier, also 140, South Bend, Indian, eight.

Alfonso Torrez, 147, Colombia, knocked out Homer Jackson, Alachua, Fla., in 2:29 of the first round in their scheduled eight. Torrez has won all of his 12 pro bouts via kayo.

Don Shiver, 153, Tampa, kayoed Billy Cunningham, 149, Miami, in 2:41 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Robert Pew, 160, Tampa, TKO'd Sonny Jones, 157, Miami, who was unable to answer the bell for the second round of a scheduled four.

Richard Laster, 134, Jacksonville, and Greg McGoogan, 137, Alachua, drew, four.

David de la Rosa, 127, Miami, TKO'd Edwin Santana, 124½, St. Petersburg, at 2:41 of the fourth and final round. Santana put up a whale of a fight for the first three frames, but ran out of gas and was floored with about a minute to go in the fourth round, causing referee Rick Martin to call a halt.

Promoter—Phil Alessi (Alessi Promotions).
Matchmakers—Ken Rosenberg, Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—1,250. USA Cable Network. (08-05-83)

▲**MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton**—Francisco Fernandez, 124½, Panama, won the Latin American featherweight title with a close but unanimous decision over Idabeth Rojas, 124¼, Colombia, 12. Rojas had been undefeated.

Former WBC junior lightweight champoin Alfredo Escalera, 137, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Victor Babilonia, 130, Colombia, in the second round of their scheduled 10. A badly cut right eye forced referee Eddie Eckert to stop the bout.

Fernando Escalera, 148, Puerto Rico, halted Raul Hernandez, 154½, Miami, at 1:51 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Bernie Soto, referee.

Winston Henry, 139, Virgin Islands, won a hard fought decision over Manny Wilcox, 134, Miami, four.

Alcides Morales, 112½, Miami, TKO'd Mike Hagood, 114, Miami, at 1:11 of the second. Hagood was floored, sprained his wrist, and was unable to continue.

Ray Estades, 130½, Puerto Rico, halted Tony Rodriguez, 134, Miami, at 1:21 of the second in their scheduled four.

Tuto Enterprises.
Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—1,460.
(08-12-83)

▲**WEST PALM BEACH—Auditorium**—Former WBA heavyweight champion John Tate, 242, Knoxville, Tenn., stopped promising Marty Capasso, 212, Aston, Pennsylvania, at 1:26 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder.

After a slow first round, Tate dropped Capasso with a series of good combinations. Capasso got up, but a right dumped him again and the referee wisely called a halt. Capasso had never been floored in 22 previous bouts.

Tate is now 30-2 with 21 kayoes.

Cecil Coffee, 228, Knoxville, a roly-poly with surprising speed, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Davis, 206, Ft. Myers, eight. Coffee won the early rounds with a heavy body attack and dropped Davis with a right hand in the fifth.

Two-Ton Tony Velasco, 225, Tampa, won a split decision over Nate Robinson, 215, Miami, six. It was Velasco's ninth straight win.

Bobby Proffitt, 150, Mobile, Alabama, TKO'd Bobby Graddy, 147, Savannah, Georgia, who couldn't come out for the fifth round of their scheduled eight.

A scheduled seven-round kick boxing contest completed the bill.

Referees—Joey Curtis, Harry Brennan, Juan Arias, Joe Hess.
Judges—Irving Abramson, Eva Shain.
Promoter—Ernie Letiziano/Ringside Events.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—3,842.
(08-19-83)

▲**MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton**—Mauricio Rodriguez, 141, Tampa, won a unanimous decision over Martin Rojas, 139½, Colombia, 10. Rodriguez outboxed Rojas all the way.

Tony Santana, 131½, New York, destroyed Alex Wilcox, 128½, Miami, in 1:43 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Referee Bernie Soto called a halt after a right hand decked Wilcox, who'd been taking quite a pasting up til then.

Nestor Pinango, 138, Cuba, outscored Orlando Quintero, 137½, Cuba, six. The fight of the night.

Osvaldo Acevedo, 116½, Colombia, came off the canvas in the first to knock out Florentino Garcia, 118, Homestead, Florida, in 1:43 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Rey Estades, 131½, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Miguel Garcia, 136½, Puerto Rico, at 1:11 of the third round, flooring him in every session.

Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—980. (08-26-83)

▲**MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton**—Juan Arroyo, 140, Miami, TKO'd Sam Lantion, 135½, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 2:07 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Lantion went down twice in the final frame before referee Bernie Soto called a halt.

Norgi Castro, 115, Puerto Rico, won an upset unanimous decision over veteran Martin Vargas, 112¼, Chile, 10. Castro, a 17-year-old sub boxing outside of Puerto Rico for the first time, dropped Vargas early in the first round, but was himself floored by a terrific right in the fifth. Upon arising, Castro caught Vargas coming in and knocked *him* down. Norgi dropped Martin again in the eighth round to sew up the decision.

Freddy Guzman, 138, Dominican Republic, outscored Tony Torres, 140, Homestead, eight. Torres was floored in the fourth.

Rocky Robinson, 161, Miami, TDO'd Dexter Bowman, 156½, Miami, at 2:12 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee Soto stepped in with Bowman helpless on the ropes after a knockdown.

Terry Kemp, 126, Ft. Myers, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Albuesne, 128, Miami, six.

Felix Vasquez, 130, Puerto Rico, won an action packed four-round verdict over David de la Rosa, 131, San Antonio, Texas.

Dennis Wilcox, 125, Miami, outpointed Gavilan Gonzalez, 128½, Miami, six. Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲**HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Center**—Guy Villegas, 130, Eugene, Oregon, knocked out Ralph Aviles, 131, Honolulu, in 2:11 of the 10th and final round. Villegas is now 15-1 with 11 kayoes. Aviles is 18-3 with 10 knockouts.

It was a tough and close scrap until Aviles was caught by an overhand right flush on the jaw. He went crashing face down on the deck, and didn't stir a stitch as referee Herbert Minn counted him out.

Delbert Williams, 155½, Portland, Oregon, won a majority decision over Derrick Drane, 155, Honolulu, in a pier-six 10. Scoring: Tommy Tomihara, 97-93; Bill Pacheco, 94-91; Paul Kelly, 96-96. Both fighters received a well-earned standing ovation.

Atelea Kaihea, 185½, Tonga, knocked out Tom Westbrook, 215½, Samoa, in 2:37 of the second in a scheduled five-rounder.

Roosevelt (Flash) Gordon, 133½, originally from Chicago but now fighting out of Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Aglia, 131½, Honolulu, five.

Former amateur star Jesus Salud, 125, Waipahu, halted Juan Rodriguez, San Jose, at 1:29 of the third heat in a scheduled four.

Orlando Pontanilla, 124½, Waipahu, outscored tough Rey Carino, also 124½, Waipahu, in the four-round opener.

Promoters—Al Souza, Tad Kawamura/Pacific Int. Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—2,980. Gross—$23,876.

(08-23-83) JOEL LIPSITT

ILLINOIS

▲**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—The British invaded Chicago, and came away with three wins and no losses on Cedric Kushner's nine-bout card.

Frank Bruno, 216, Clapham, London, England, flattened the heavily-bearded Mike Jameson, 212½, San Jose, Calif., in 1:30 of round two in a scheduled 10. After a slow first round, Bruno landed a terrific left hook that cut Jameson's right eye in round two. A shaken Jameson lowered his head and ran smack into a right uppercut to the chin.

Bruno is now 17-0. Jameson is 9-5.

British welterweight champ Lloyd (Honey) Honeyghan, 149, TKO'd Kevin Austin, 145¼, Milwaukee, at 1:07 of the 10th and final round. Honeyghan had all the fighter he could handle, as Austin landed a dandy right, followed by a left hook, that put Honey on the canvas for an eight-count in the first. The rest of the bout saw Austin try to land another big one while Honeyghan boxed and fought Kevin to a standstill. A visibly tired Austin was floored for a nine-count in round nine. He went down again in the 10th, totally exhausted, and referee Brian O'Shea called a halt. Honeyghan, who made awfully hard work of his win, is now 17-0. Austin is 7-1-1.

British featherweight champoin Barry McGuigan, 128, Belfast, Northern Ireland, kayoed La Von McGowan, 127, Davenport, Iowa, in 2:59 of the first round in their scheduled 10. McGuigan moved well and boxed masterfully. He floored McGowan twice—once with a right to the head and then with a left hook to the body. McGuigan is now 16-1. McGowan is 3-4-1.

James (Quick) Tillis, 211, Chicago, halted Lynwood Jones, 271, Easton Shore, Virginia, at 1:22 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Tillis danced circles around Jones for the first three rounds and dropped him with a combo in the fourth. Lynwood was up at eight, but was obviously finished, and referee Stanley Berg waved it over. Tillis is now 26-3. Jones is 8-5.

Jeff Sims, 217½, Bellglade, Florida, flattened Alf Coffin, 229, American Samoa, with a straight left-right cross to the jaw in 1:08 of round two in another scheduled 10. Sims is now 19-4. Coffin is 8-5.

Johnny Heard, 157, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Gary Jones, 156, Milwaukee, eight. The 41-year-old Heard stalked Jones all the way and won as he pleased.

Four-rounders: Ken Larson, 154, Beverly Shores, Indiana, kayoed Lester Mixon, 156, Galesburg, Illinois, in 1:58 of the second to up his record to 4-0. Alex Duran, 142½, Ferrara, Italy, won a close unanimous decision over fellow debutante Victor Perez, 140, Sterling Illinois. Jerry Rosenburg, 132½, Chicago, went to 7-0 with a majority verdict over Floyd Smith, 130, Chicago.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.

Judges—Collins Brown, Bill Lerch, Harding McCain, John Ricci.

Timekeeper—Mike Murphy.

Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Cedric Kushner.

Attendance—270.

(07-09-83)

▲**CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel**—Miguel Sepulveda, 154, Puerto Rico, weathered two knockdowns in the second and scored an upset TKO over Roosevelt Green, 155, Chicago, at 2:18 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10. Sepulveda is now 9-2.

James Churn, 186, Galesburg, Illinois, won a majority decision over Basheer Wadud (AKA Darryl Anthony), 200, Waukegan, Illinois, eight.

Six-rounders: Randy Smith, 161¼, Chicago, TKO'd David Hill, 156, Omaha, at 1:30 of the sixth and final round. Henry Mobley, 139, Chicago, knocked out Charley Vogal, 138½, Champaign, Illinois, in 1:58 of the first. Ala Hamza (formerly Veabro Boykin), 146, Chicago, stopped Robert Hughes, 147, Aurora, Illinois, at 1:57 of the first. Dr. Herbert Odom, 148, Chicago, the geriatric marvel at age 50, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Plegge, 151½, Salem, Ohio.

Four-rounders: Edgar Muniz, 163, Chicago, stopped Don Myart, 160½, Joliet, Illinois, at 1:52 of the second. Claude Alexander, 175, Cincinnati, TKO'd Matti Youkhana, 172½, Chicago, who was unable to answer the bell for the third round. Floyd Smith, 130, Chicago, with just two days rest from his appearance on July 9, fought a draw with Rosendo Tavio, also 130, Havana, Cuba.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.

Judges—Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Al James, Harding McCain.

Timekeeper—Mike Murphy.

Ring Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Ernie Terrell.

Attendance—595.

(07-11-83)

▲**CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel**—NABF junior flyweight champion Joey Olivo, 110¼, Los Angeles, won the vacant USBA flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Ian Clyde, 111, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 12. The title was declared vacant when then champ Henry Brent refused to meet Olivo.

The bout turned out to be a classic battle—a perfect matchup of two dedicated fighters whose opposing styles meshed to give 12 rounds of brilliant action. The early rounds saw Olivo in command, using his three-inch height advantage to spear the constantly rushing Clyde with straight punches and upset his momentum.

Clyde broke through late in round four with his first good flurry, and a looping right opened a cut over Joey's left eye in the fifth. The sixth and seventh frames followed a pattern—Clyde attacking with overhand rights and Olivo going back. Ian landed his best left hand of the contest toward the close of round seven, and the tide of battle looked to be swinging his way.

The eighth round, however, saw Olivo catch Clyde rushing forward with a stunning right hand to the chin. Ian went down as though shot, but made it up at six.

From there on, it was all Olivo. Clyde went down again in round 11 from a picture perfect left-right combo. Ian rose at eight, and Joey came in for the kill. A right chop sent Clyde down again, but Ian once more made it up at eight, and met Joey's advance with a rush of his own. Another looping right reopened Olivo's cut, and the closing seconds saw Clyde stagger Joey with a terrific left that forced him to hold.

Clyde came out fast in the 12th and final round, attacking savagely. Olivo countered, but Clyde poured it on, desperately trying for a knockout. Ian's efforts were a few rounds too late, but it was a weary Olivo, his cut bleeding heavily, who welcomed the last bell. The cheering for both men threatened to bring the roof down, and the crowd, as one, jumped to its feet and gave them a well earned ovation.

The scoring, by three judges on the 10-point "must" system, was as follows: James DiVito, 118-110; Mike Glienna, 116-111; Bill Lerch, 115-110. *The Ring* had it 116-110.

Olivo is now 30-4. Clyde is 13-4-1.

Veteran Johnny Lira, 140, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Nate Stewart, 141, Springfield, Ill., 10.

Mike Brothers, 171½, Chicago, won a unanimous verdict over Gary Jones, 163, Milwaukee, eight.

Steffen Tangstad, 209, Chicago, TKO'd Larry Roberson, 200, Joliet, Ill., at 1:49 of the fifth round in a slated six.

Craig Bodzianowski, 188, Chicago, halted James Churn, 186½, Galesburg, Ill., at 0:52 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Owen Putman, 125½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over fellow debutante Scott Moore, 126, Peoria. Darnell Hill, 127, Detroit, won a split duke over Joe Phillips, 125, Milwaukee. Tim Anderson, 173, Lansing, Ill., won a unanimous decision over John Cox, 176, Rockford, Ill. Keith Vining, 175, Monroe, Mich., TKO'd Donald Bester, 176½, Chicago, at 2:25 of round one. Jim Finn, 200, Chicago, TKO'd Columbus Lloyd, 179, Indianapolis, at 1:32 of the first.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Al Preslinger.

Judges—James DiVito, Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Bill Lerch.

Timekeeper—Al Tremari.

Ring Announcer—Dick Elliott.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Cedric Kushner.

Attendance—537.

(07-28-83)

▲**CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel**—Jimmy Batten, 157, returned to Chicago from his native London, England to stop Billy Page, 155½, Calumet City, Ill., at 2:59 of round five in a slated 10. Batten had stopped Page before, on February 19, 1982.

Miguel Sepulveda, 155½, now fighting out of Chicago, halted Lopez McGee, also 155½, Nashville, Tenn., with a heavy body attack at 1:30 of round seven in their scheduled 10.

Six-rounders: Mic Ramson, 160, Chicago, made his pro debut by stopping Solomon Jones, 153½, Chicago, at 2:33 of the fifth round. Randy Smith, 166½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over veteran Johnny Heard, 164, Chicago, Al (UFO) Hamza (AKA Veabro Boykin), 145, Chicago, showed he's reading to step up in class by halting game but outclassed Tyrone Lee, also 145, Chicago, at 2:18 of round two.

Four-rounders: Rico Riccardo, 161, Chicago, took everything that Edgar Muniz, 160½, Chicago, could throw at him for almost two rounds before nailing Rico for a knockout in 2:59 of the second. Mark French, 154, Chicago, and Moses Jacobs, 156, Chicago, drew. Angel Rodriguez, 136, Chicago, kayoed Scott Moore, 133½, Peoria, with a left hook to the solar plexus punch in 2:09 of round two. Khoren Perzigian, 175½, Waukegan, Ill., won a unanimous decision over Robert Underwood, 168, Hamilton, Ohio.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Bobby Carrillo.

Judges—Collins Brown, Bill Lerch, John Ricci, Al Tremari.

Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.

Ring Announcer—Art Manzy.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Ernie Terrell.

Attendance—520.

(08-15-83)

▲**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—Lenny LaPaglia, 164, Melrose Park, Ill., making his first start since his 10-round loss to John Collins on March 20, mysteriously quit at 1:04 of the third round in a scheduled 10 against Danny Blake, 163, Milwaukee.

LaPaglia started out in his usual way, slinging punches right and left, dominating the action and forcing his opponent to retreat. In the third round, Blake moved cautiously to the attack, landing some shots to the body and taking the play away from the non-plussed LaPaglia. Lenny retreated and was suddenly against the ropes, near Blake's corner, when he suddenly moved to his left, away from Blake, and started walking to his own corner.

Referee Stanley Berg quickly went to LaPaglia, who said something that Berg didn't catch. "I couldn't believe it," said Berg. "I said, 'Are you crazy?' He told me, 'The guy hit me too much in my stomach, and I couldn't breathe.'" The jam-packed crowd, almost all LaPaglia followers, was totally stunned. When the result was announced, and Lenny left the ring, they serenaded him with boos and catcalls and showered him with beer and paper cups.

Blake is now 5-6-1. LaPaglia is 19-2.

Craig Bodzianowski, 188, Tinley Park, Ill., knocked out Leonard Brandon, 186½, Flint, Mich., in 0:31 of round two.

Sammy Matos, 140, Chicago, outpointed John Puente, 137, Defiance, Ohio, six.

Muleman Alexander, 161½, Chicago, halted Steve St. Charles, 163, Flint, Mich., at 2:31 of the second.

Four-rounders: Jamie Howe, 173, Defiance, won a unanimous decision over John Lard, 175, Rock Island, Ill. Emilio Sotomayor, 131, Chicago, kayoed Thomas Patterson, 129¼, Grand Rapids, in 2:08 of the first round. Derrick McGuire, 135, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Jerry Rosenburg, 134, Chicago. Joe Phillips, 122¼, Milwaukee, won a unanimous decision over John Norman, 122, Detroit.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.

Judges—Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Al James, Bill Lerch.

Timekeeper—Mike Murphy.

Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Cedric Kushner.

Attendance—708.

(08-22-83)

▲**CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel**—Steffen Tangstad, 202, Chicago, won a split decision over Bashir Waudud, 208¼, Waukegan, Ill., in the 10-round main event.

Scoring: referee Stanley Berg, 46-45, Waudud; judges Mike Glienna and Bill Lerch, 47-45 and 47-46, respectively, Tangstad. Steffen is now 15-0-2. Bashir is 12-10.

Jake Torrence, 154, Gary, Indiana, stopped Miguel Sepulveda, 155, Chicago, at 0:44 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. A right to the buttom dropped Sepulveda for a nine-count, and referee Brian O'Shea waved it over when Miguel lurched groggily to his right.

Torrence is now 12-6. Sepulveda is 10-4.

ILLINOIS STATE RATINGS BY THE ILLINOIS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION (AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. James (Quick) Tillis
2. William Hosea
3. Steffen Tangstad
4. Floyd (Jumbo) Cummings

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Alfonzo Ratliff
2. Lee Roy Murphy
3. Young Joe Louis
4. Luke Capuano
5. James Dixon
6. Craig Bodzianowski

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Brothers
1. Elvis Parks
2. Henry Sims

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
John Collins
1. Lenny LaPaglia
2. Allen Alexander
3. Randy Smith
4. Dale Jackson
5. Johnny Heard

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Miguel Sepulveda
2. Roosevelt Green
3. Mike Landini
4. Harlein Holden
5. Jake Torrence

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Louie Mateo
1. Veabro Boykin
2. Ephram Bennett
3. Pedro Acosta

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ali Kariem Muhammad
1. Jesus Gallardo
2. Andrew Ruiz
3. Henry Mobley
4. Nate Steward
5. Sammy Matos

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Johnny Lira
2. Joey Ruiz
3. John Plaza

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Benny Marquez
1. Victor Flores
2. Eddie Murray

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Wayne Lynum
1. Pajarito Marquez

Conroy Nelson, 215, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, stopped well traveled Larry Givens, 221¼, Cincinnati, at 1:31 of round two in a scheduled eight. Three knockdowns forced the automatic stoppage. Nelson is now 14-3-1. Givens is 7-9.

Six-rounders: Ala Hamza (AKA Veabro Boykin), 146, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Crystal (Kid) Clayton, also 146, Chicago. Henry Mobley, 139, Chicago, won a majority verdict over Walter Cowan, 138, Milwaukee. Randy Smith, 159½, Chicago, stopped an outclassed Terry Grady, 158, Milwaukee, at 2:12 of round three.

Four-rounders: Mark French, 154, Chicago won a unanimous decision over Lee Jones, 154, Monroe, La. Jim Finn, 197, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Larry Roberson, 207, Joliet, Ill. (Finn is now 7-0.) Angel Rodriguez, 138¼, Chicago, won a unanimous duke over pro debuting Kelly Devine, 140¼, Chicago.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.

Judges—Collins Brown, James DiVito, Mike Glienna, Bill Lerch.

Timekeeper—Al Tremari.

Ring Announcer—Dick Elliott.

Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.

Promoter—Ernie Terrell.

Attendance—474.

(09-08-83) BOB SODERMAN

INDIANA

▲**INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club—**Johnny Carter, 131½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Ray Menefee, 133, Lincoln, Nebraska, at 0:44 of the fourth round in the scheduled 10-frame main event.

Rudy Fuentes, 141, Milwaukee, iced Charles Vogel, 139¾, Champaign, Illinois, in 1:45 of the first round.

Mike Mungin, 150, Philadelphia, outpointed Tony Taylor, 140¼, Muncie, Indiana, four.

Tony Delk, 178¾, Jamestown, Tenn., made his pro debut by stopping Maurice Pitchford, 176, Indianapolis, at 0:56 of the third round.

Sylvester Price, 128, Muncie, TKO'd Ronnie Thomas, 133½, Champaign, at 1:10 of the first stanza.

Promoters—John S. Appel, Fred Berns.

Matchmaker—Pete Susens.

Attendance—175 (estimated).

(08-12-83) GARY L. MERRITT

MICHIGAN

▲**TRAVERSE CITY—Boardman Sports Complex—**This scenic tourist attraction was the site chosen by Bobby Watson to showcase the talents of former WBA lightweight champion Hilmer Kenty, making his comeback as a junior welterweight. Kenty, 139¾, Detroit, put on a display reminiscent of his early boxing career. He was quick, showed plenty of ring smarts, used plenty of rapid-fire combinations, and looked tremendous in pounding out a solid 10-round decision over Ali Kareem Muhammad, 139¾, the Illinois State junior welterweight champion. Two of the judges gave Kenty every round and the third gave him nine of the 10. Pointwise, it was a one-sided contest, but don't underestimate Muhammad. He is a strong young fighter who has a good future ahead of him. He was simply in with a wiley veteran who fought perhaps one of the most perfect fights of his career and looked outstanding.

In a very controversial fight in a night of very close fights on the undercard, Highland Park junior middleweight Darnell Knox, 150¼, won a very narrow 10-round split decision over Ricardo Bryant, 152, Washington, Pennsylvania. The bout was non-stop action that had Bryant's eye cut in the second and Knox decked in the fourth, Knox's eye was swollen so bad he couldn't see out of it, and then Bryant was knocked down in the sixth. Plenty of excitement for everyone.

Dave Diener, 161, gave away almost six inches in height as the Flint fighter came from behind to knock out Bill Bustance, 157, Traverse City, in the third. A right hand put the exhausted Bustance down for the count.

James Tolliver, 113¼, Cleveland, pulled out another of those real close fights with a four-round decision over Kirk Harris, 117, Detroit.

The opening bout on the card had Leonard Edward, 166, Cleveland making his pro debut with a four-round split decision over Tim Bullock, 166, Detroit, handing him his first loss.

Promoter—Bobby Watson.

Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.

Judges—M. Duvall, C. Sumner, R. Fellows.

Referees—Max Harnish, Joe Kitchen.

Attendance—est. 1200.

(08-13-83)

▲**DETROIT—Hy-Way American Club—**This show was held in a very surprising place, the large garage behind the Hy-Way American Bus Rental Company. The card itself was an entertaining one, even though, on paper, it might not have looked it.

Headlining was Alex (Birdman) Byrd, 137, Detroit, who had no trouble at all in his bout as he unleashed on Lester Fells, 135, Columbus, Ohio, and sent him to the canvas twice, the last time for the count at only 1:26 of the opening round. Byrd is now 15-1.

Wayne (Troubleman) Powell, 154, Detroit, pounded on the Columbus survivor Sam Gervin, 148, for eight rounds before he was finally able to drop him with a short right in the last round and have referee Dale Grable stop the contest at 0:50 of the eighth. Powell had a very good workout in winning his 15th straight victory.

The newest member of the Motor City Boxing Team, Carlos Santana, 133, used an impressive body attack to bang out an eight-round shutout over Antonio Rutledge, 132, of Columbus, Ohio.

There was a very controversial decision in a cruiserweight contest that had Phillip Brown, 179, Columbus, winning a six-round split decision over Robert Obey, 190, fighting out of Detroit. The judges scored it 57-56 and 58-57 for Brown, and 58-55 for Obey. *Ring* and several others at ringside scored it 58-56 for Obey. Only judges Morton and Ericson seemed to think Brown won; the audience didn't.

Two young Detroit fighters making their professional debuts were both successful.

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tim Witherspoon
1. Mike Weaver (California)
2. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
3. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
4. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
5. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
6. Trevor Berbick (Nova Scotia)
7. Jeff Sims (Florida)
8. Mitchell Green (New York)
9. John Tate (Tennessee)
10. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
11. Eddie Lopez (California)
12. James Broad (New Jersey)
13. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
14. James (Quick) Tillis (Illinois)
15. Tony Fulilange (Arizona)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Milton Guest (New York)
2. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
3. Mario Cusson (Quebec)
4. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
5. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
6. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
7. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
8. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
9. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
10. Pedro Villela (New York)
11. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
12. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
13. Robert Rucker (New York)
14. Cisco Ortaga (Mexico)
15. Pablo Baez (California)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jackie Beard (Michigan)
1. Jose Caba (Hawaii)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Ruben Castillo (California)
5. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
6. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
7. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
8. Irving Mitchell (California)
9. Paul DeVorce (New York)
10. Tony Salvatore (Quebec)
11. Lenny Valdez (California)
12. Steve Cruz (Texas)
13. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
14. Adrian Arreola (California)
15. Kelvin Lampkin (Indiana)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Leon Spinks (Missouri)
1. Randy Stephens (Ohio)
2. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
3. Anthony Davis (California)
4. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
5. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
6. Henry Hearns (California)
7. Bashiru Ali (California)
8. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
9. S.T. Gordon (Nevada)
10. Jesse Burnett (California)
11. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Vic Valentino (New Jersey)
14. Tony Green (Florida)
15. James Williams (Oregon)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
2. Howard Davis (New York)
3. Saoul Mamby (New York)
4. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
5. Steve Hearon (Texas)
6. Billy Costello (New York)
7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
9. Tyrone Crawley(Pennsylvania)
10. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
11. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
12. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
13. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
14. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvania)
15. Sal Lopez (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mlke Ayala (Texas)
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
2. Antonio de las Paz (Mexico)
3. Ricardo Varella (California)
4. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Martin Castro (Mexico)
7. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
8. Carmelo Negron (New York)
9. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
10. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
11. Hector Cortez (New York)
12. Roberto Rubladino (Mexico)
13. Juan Veloz (New York)
14. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
15. Pascual Arranda (Texas)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. Pete McIntyre (California)
3. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
4. John Davis (New York)
5. Charles Singleton (Pennsylvania)
6. Roddie MacDonald (Ontario)
7. Euclides Valdez (New York)
8. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
9. Eric Winbush (New York)
10. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
11. Dale Grant (Oregon)
12. Leon Taylor (New York)
13. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
14. James Salerno (Florida)
15. Niua Tofaeono (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
1. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
2. Robin Blake (Texas)
3. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
4. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
5. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
6. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
7. Julio Chavez (Mexico)
8. Tony Baltazar (California)
9. Steve Romero (California)
10. Nick Furlano (Ontario)
11. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
12. Irieis Perez (California)
13. John Montes (California)
14. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
15. Arturo Frias (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Petty (Louisiana)
1. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
2. Richard Sandoval (California)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)
5. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
9. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
10. James Manning (Oregon)
11. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)
14. Wayne Lynum (Illinois)
15. Sergio Castro (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
1. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. James Kinchen (California)
6. John Collins (Illinois)
7. J.B. Williamson (California)
8. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
9. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
10. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
11. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
12. Alex Ramos (New York)
13. Andrea Cooper (New Jersey)
14. Doug DeWitt (New York)
15. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Rolando Navarette (Hawaii)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Rocky Savage (Louisiana)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
6. Frankie Baltazar (California)
7. Margarito Marquez (Texas)
8. Tony Santana (New York)
9. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
10. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
11. Louie Burke (New Mexico)
12. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
13. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
14. Freddie Roach (Nevada)
15. Lionel Johnson (Michigan)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Mario Savalla (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Eleoncio Mercedes (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Gustavos Espadas (Mexico)
7. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Ian Clyde (Ontario)
9. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
10. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
11. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
12. Mario Gonzales (Mexico)
13. Ernesto Guevara (Mexico)
14. Raul Valdes (Mexico)
15. Juan Diaz (Mexico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Mike McCallum (New York)
2. James Green (New Jersey)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. Fred Hutchings (California)
5. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
6. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
7. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
8. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
9. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
11. Don King (Indiana)
12. Mardo Royball (California)
13. Billy Collins (Tennessee)
14. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
15. Larry Martin (Kansas)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Joey Olivo (California)
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
4. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
5. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
6. Pedro Rabago (Mexico)
7. Javier Davila (Mexico)
8. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
9. Alejandro Flores (Mexico)
10. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
11. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
12. Baby Luis (Mexico)
13. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)
14. Juan Manuel Rios (Mexico)
15. Eduardo Acosta (Mexico)

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Shawn Thomas, 129, pounded out a four-round decision over Leslie Leigh, 130, Columbus.

Mark Dell, 155, won a four-rounder over William Hodge, 150, Columbus. Hodge put up a pretty good fight against the bigger and stronger Dell.

Motor City Professional Boxing Inc./John Brown.

Matchmakers—Ross Barber, Lindy Lindell.

Judges—Sue Ann Denton, Randy Ericson, G. Morton.

Referees—Dale Grable, Tom Briscoe.

Announcer—Jim Ingram.

Attendance—sparse, est. 80.

(08-20-83)

▲WATERFORD—Lakeland Arena—This was the first ever boxing card held at the Lakeland Area and it proved to be very successful, as 1,500 vocal fans packed in to watch the home town debut of local fighter Eusebio (Sammy) Flores, who traveled to California to make his pro start. Flores has returned home and joined the Kronk Boxing Team. This card was primarily made up of Kronk members.

In the first of two 10-round headliners, Sammy Flores, 135½, Pontiac fought an aggressive fight as he floored Eddie Murray, 136½, Chicago, in the opening round, then dropped him three times in the second for an automatic technical knockout victory at 2:22 of the round. Flores showed plenty of good offense, but needs to work on his defense.

"Irish" Brett Lally, 137, Westland, handed out a solid beating over five rounds to Willie McIntosh, 140, Grand Rapids, who was unable to answer the bell at the start of the sixth. (The ring-side physician stopped the contest.) Lally improved his record to 12-2, while trial horse McIntosh dropped to 10-13-2.

Probably the two most impressive fighters on the card were Lionel Johnson and Tyrone Trice, two upcoming Kronk fighters.

In a scheduled eight-round fight, Lionel Johnson, 137, Detroit, scored a three-round TKO victory when Sam Lucas, 142½, Chicago, had his corner throw in the towel after being soundly thrashed by Johnson at the 1:59 mark. Johnson looked sharp and impressive.

Tyrone Trice, 142, is a very promising looking junior welterweight, originally from Milwaukee but now fighting out of Detroit on the Kronk team. Keep an eye on this youngster. He can box hit, and is aggressive in the ring. Don't be surprised if he is fighting for the title one day. I haven't been this impressed with a young Kronk fighter since Milton McCrory. Trice picked up his fifth straight victory as a pro, pounding out a very strong six-round decision over tough Dave Odems, 138½, Pennsylvania.

Making his pro debut on the card was the third of the fighting Johnson brother, Joe, 139, Detroit, who stopped Jerome McKinney, 142, Detroit, at 1:02 of the fourth.

Gold Ring Promotions.

Referees—Bob Watson, Dale Grable.

Judges—Chip Acey, Chuck McHenry.

Attendance—1,500.

Broadcast—tape delayed—by Waterford Cable with commentators Jim McCafferty, Chris Gurney, and Dave Hartoon.

(08-25-83) DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▲ST. PAUL—Gabe's By The Park—Brian Brunette, 160, St. Paul, stopped Mike Pollett, also 160, New Lisbon, Indiana, at 2:07 of the fourth round in an outdoor show. Brunette, 23, is still undefeated.

Steve (Cowboy) Schwan, 170, St. Paul, halted Burgess Scruggs, Indianapolis, in the fourth.

Linus Wallett, 207, Belcourt, North Dakota, outscored Marc Hans, 204, Minneapolis, six. Wallett is unbeaten.

Harold Brazzier, 148, South Bend, Indiana, kayoed Andres Lucero Martinez, also 148, St. Paul, in the second.

Terry Hollins, 154, Minneapolis, won a unanimous decision over Hardy Jones, 152, South Bend, Ind., four.

Referee—Denny Nelson.

Judges—Billy Schmidt, Leroy Benson.

Promoter—Louis DeCubis.

Matchmaker—Tommy Brunette.

Attendance—1,044.

(07-23-83) GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEVADA

▲LAS VEGAS—Dunes Hotel and Casino—One thing you can say about Margarito Marquez is that he certainly is a tough customer. One thing you can say about Jackie Beard is that he certainly is a world class fighter.

Both of those facts became quite apparent during Beard's easy 12-round unanimous decision win. Beard battered both the head and body en route to successfully defending his North American Boxing Federation featherweight championship.

The 125½-pound Detroit boxer-puncher worked the body the first two rounds, then got on his horse and began peppering Marquez's head. He hurt Marquez, 125¼, Chicago, in the fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth rounds, but the Illinois-based fighter proved to be tough although outclassed.

The first half of the fight Marquez was swinging away, hoping to connect a head shot that might prevent the bout from going to a decision. When that tactic proved fruitless, Marquez, beginning in the seventh, elected to counterpunch. That, too, proved ineffective.

Beard knocked down Marquez in the final round with a solid right, sealing the lop-sided verdict.

In a companion bout scheduled for 10 rounds, Anthony Davis, 189, Las Vegas, Nev., surprised Young Joe Louis, 191, Chicago, the former top-ranked cruiserweight contender, stopping him at 2:03 of the seventh.

(07-15-83)

▲LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino—Fred Hutchings, the California junior middleweight, middleweight and light heavyweight champion, proved he can fare well in neighboring Nevada, too, breezing to an easy unanimous decision over Ernie Rabotte in the 10-round co-main event.

In the other 10-round co-main, featherweight Lenny Valdez was upset by unheralded Pascual Aranda, dropping a split decision.

Hutchings, who came in at 154½, forced Rabotte, 161½, to take a standing eight-count in the fifth. While Hutchings, Stockton, Calif., is much the superior fighter, Rabotte, Los Angeles, is sturdy—and took a pounding.

Hutchings, won by nine points, 99-90, on the cards of judges Duane Ford and Dalby Shirley and by 10 points, 99-89, on judge Dave Moretti's card.

Aranda, 124, Houston, proved to be just a little stronger and a little quicker than Valdez, 123¼, Hawthorne, Calif. Valdez scored with solid rights while Aranda did his damage inside.

Aranda pulled off the upset by winning the last two rounds. The fight was even through the eighth according to two judges, while Valdez led by two points on the other card.

Moretti had Aranda winning 96-94; Ford scored it 96-95 for Aranda, and Shirley had Valdez on top 96-95.

Top Rank, Inc. ESPN.

(07-28-83)

▲LAS VEGAS—Caesars Palace—John Collins may not be the next middleweight champion of the world, but he'll go farther than Kenny Whetstone.

No knock on Whetstone; he's a tenacious little fighter, but the undefeated Collins had the reach and his number, eventually stopping him at 2:42 of the ninth round in their nationally televised main event, scheduled for 10.

Collins, 160¼, Chicago, peppered Whetstone, 158, Miami, Fla., from the beginning, scoring most effectively with rights to the head. Try as he might, Whetstone couldn't penetrate the long-armed Collins, and he paid the price of chasing and catching. He was tailing on all three judges' scorecards through eight rounds.

It took a while for Collins to finish the job in the ninth, much to the discomfort of Whetstone. A straight left to the head hurt Kenny early in the round; then a right-left to the head put him even deeper in trouble. A long right to the temple finally felled Whetstone, but only for the count of four. A left to the head shook him again, and then another right-left combination to the head rocked him some more. Finally, a left-right combo to—where else?—the head prompted referee Carlos Padilla to stop the one-sided affair.

Promoter—Don Chargin. NBC-TV.

(08-07-83)

▲LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino—Freddie Roach, 130½, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Bryant, 130, Pomona, California, 10.

Freddie won by two points (96-94) on all three judges' scorecards. There were no knockdowns, but Roach, formerly of Dedham, Mass., showed he can do the job inside. Freddie's overall record is now 32-3 with 11 knockouts.

Steve Cruz, 128, Fort Worth, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Salvador Ugalde, also 128, Los Angeles, eight. Cruz is now 15-0 with nine knockouts.

Mardo Roybal, 155, Vallejo, Calif., knocked out Dennis Horne, also 155, Oklahoma City, in 2:10 of the fifth round in their scheduled eight. Roybal is now 17-0 with 12 kayoes.

Joey Roach, 116, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Beto Perez, also 116, Tucson, Arizona, six. Joey is still undefeated.

Ramon Almaguer, 126, Los Angeles, won a unanimous verdict over Pepper Roach, also 126, Las Vegas, six. This was Pepper's first loss.

Top Rank, Inc.

(08-25-83) JIM HUNTER

NEW JERSEY

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Canadian heavy Conroy Nelson scored a split eight-round decision over Woody Clark in a tepid excuse for a main event. It was a real Mutt-n-Jeff pairing, with the 6-foot-4 Nelson towering over the 5-foot-10 Clark. Nelson, 207¼, Ottawa, dropped Clark, 205¾, Fayetteville, N.C., with a pretty one-two in the opening round, but never again threatened to do any damage. Instead, he retreated the entire bout, scoring just enough flicking jabs to earn the verdict. Clark, for his part, tried to make a fight of it, but just didn't have the size or talent to get anything going. Nelson received votes of 5-2-1 and 4-3-1, while Clark picked up a lone vote of 4-3-1. Referee, Frank Cappuccino.

In the co-feature, scheduled for eight, James (Bone Crusher) Smith, 231½, Magnolia, N.C., dismissed Linwood Jones, a blubbery 266, Louisville, Ky., at 2:12 of the second. A flurry of cuffing blows sent Jones down shortly before referee Zack Clayton terminated the farce. Smith is now 9-1 with seven kayoes.

Fred (Rubberband) Brown, 150, Newark, won a unanimous decision over Rocky Proveano, 157, Pittsburgh, in a lively six. Not much class here, but both men tried hard. Referee, Cappuccino.

Darryl (Money) Graham, 129¾, Buffalo, N.Y., scored a unanimous decision over Bish Cullins, 135¾, Landover, Md., six. Referee, Clayton.

In the best fight of the evening, Neal Allen, 148¼, Davidsonville, Md., rallied from a shakey start to TKO David (Sugar) Wyatt Jr., 144, Richmond, Va., at 0:53 of the third in a scheduled four. Wyatt, the son of the retired welter of the same name, landed some sharp head shots early, but caved in under Allen's steady body attack. A left hook to the body and a right to the head put Wyatt over for an eight-count and referee Cappuccino decided that he'd had enough and called a halt.

Ricardo Dixon, 158½, Pittsburgh, and Peter Trematerra, 159¾, Coral Springs, Fl., opened the card with a four-round draw. Referee, Clayton.

Judges—John Stewart, Frank Cario and Lindsey Tucker.

Elbaum-Menas Productions

(05-10-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—Slippery southpaw Sean Mannion upset In-Chul Baek, the WBA's number one contender, scoring a 10-round unanimous decision by votes of 6-2-2 and 6-3-1 (twice). It marked the first defeat for the Korean slugger, who entered the match with a record of 26-0—all via knockout! Although Baek proved to be both hard-punching and durable, he lacked the know-how to pin down the shifty Mannion long enough to unload sufficient bombs to extend his streak. Sean simply boxed circles around him, countering briskly at every opportunity.

Baek, 153½, applied steady pressure, but was obviously used to the sort of opponent who stands and trades. Mannion, 154½, Boston, would have none of it. Instead, he utilized his defensive skills to stay out of trouble most of the way. On the occasions that Baek succeeded in trapping him along the ropes, Sean weathered the storm well and fired back with gusto.

Down the stretch, Baek tired visibly, but never stopped trying to land the big one. As it was, he's lucky that Mannion (now 29-5-1, 12 kayoes) is not much of a puncher. Against Davey Moore, he would have been destroyed. So much for the WBA ratings.

Tom Baker, 138, Washington, D.C., also scored an upset, turning back favored Darrell Anthony, 139¼, St. Louis, via an eight-round unanimous decision. Anthony, now 8-1-1 (six kayoes), landed the better quality punches, but Baker caught the judges' eye by keeping slightly busier. He lifted his log to 11-5-2, with two kayoes. Scores were 5-2-1, 4-3-1, and 4-2-2—all for Tom.

In another scheduled eight, Monte Oswald, 159¼, Bay City, Michigan, was awarded a TKO over Russell Kain, 164, Staten Island, N.Y., at the end of the third. Kain suffered a large gash over his left eye in the second and was not allowed out for the next round.

In a solid, hard-hitting four-rounder, Frank Minton, 163, Indianapolis, scored a unanimous decision over game Herman Epps, 164, Hyattsville, Md. A left hook to the body dropped Epps in the third for the only knockdown.

Kenny Davis, 140¾, Coram, N.Y., won a unanimous four-round decision over Jose Vera, 145, Hartford, Conn. Kenny is the brother of lightweight contender Howard, who was on hand for the fight.

Chris Mazzola, 142½, Staten Island, TKO'd Leroy White, 138¼, New York, at 1:39 of the second in another scheduled four. Mazzola dumped White with a right shortly before the stoppage.

The card was televised over ESPN.

Frank Cappuccino refereed the main event, Oswald-Kain, and Davis Vera, while Paul Venti handled Baker-Anthony, Minton-Epps, and Mazzola-White.

Judges—John Stewart, Tommy Kaczmarek and Larry Wallace.

Top Rank, Inc.

(05-19-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—World ranked Greg (Candyman) Coverson, 134, Detroit, disposed of mismatched Jeff Passero, 139¾, Mitchellville, Md., at 1:43 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Coverson dropped Passero twice in the third with a series of rights to the head and referee Rudy Battle wisely called a halt following the second knockdown. The win lifted Greg's record to 29-1, with 17 kayoes. His only pro loss came at the hands of Hector Camacho.

Undefeated Sam David, 117¾, walked through a hail of punches to score a close but unanimous decision over James Tolliver, 114, in a crackerjack six that earned an ovation at the sound of the final bell. Tolliver, Cleveland, speared the charging David with enough lefts and rights to win *The Ring*'s scorecard, 3-2-1, but David scored a knockdown in the final round that swayed the official verdict in his favor. It was a mini-war all the way and worthy of an encore. David, a native of Colombia, is now fighting out of Easton, Pa. Referee, Ted Pick.

In another all-action six, Anthony English, 129½, Camden, N.J., scored a majority decision over comebacking Jimmy Washington, 135, Philadelphia. English dropped Washington with a left in the opening round, but Jimmy beat the count and gave English all he could handle the rest of the way. Referee, Pick.

Southpaw David Grayton, 132¾, Washington, D.C., won a split decision over Felix McKnight, 134¼, Akron, Ohio, six. Referee, Battle.

"Smokin' " Mike Perkins, 211, New York, was awarded a TKO over Frank Farmer, 198¾, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:01 of the opening round in a scheduled six. Farmer went into a shell after fielding a few shots and referee Pick stopped the fight when it became obvious that Frank was not going to fight back.

Lewis Jones, 159, Akron, opened the show with a unanimous decision over David Barrow, Barbados, in a lively four. Referee, Pick.

Judges—Milo Savage, Eva Shain and Frank Cario.

(05-24-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Light heavyweight contender John Davis protected his world ranking, scoring a 10-round unanimous decision over Jeff (Bobcat) Lampkin in a so-so match that underlined the serious lack of talent in the 175-pound division.

Davis, 177½, Hempstead, N.Y., floored Lampkin, 176½, Youngstown, Ohio, during the opening moments of the bout with a nifty left-right to the head. Lampkin beat referee Joe Cortez's count and Davis was unable to capitalize on his advantage. From then on, the fight was void of highlights. Lampkin's offense was sporadic at best and Davis had little trouble staying one step ahead. The scores were 10-0, 9-1, and 6-3-1.

It was Davis' second win since his losing bid to capture the title from Michael Spinks last year. He is a solid craftsman, but seems to lack that spark of inspiration necessary to propell him to the championship.

Alex DeLucia, 180, Portland, Ore., TKO'd Bud Becker, 176¼, Wilmington, Dela., at 1:28 of the second round in a scheduled six. Referee, Tony Orlando.

Frank Payne, 190½, Braddock, Pa., TKO'd Harry DeCosey, 184, Irvington, N.J., at 1:20 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Referee, Cortez.

In the evening's best rumble, Jocko King, 132, Phila., TKO'd Eddie Van Kirk, 133¼, Baltimore, at 1:02 of the third round in a scheduled six. Referee, Orlando.

Billy Rich, 154, Camden, N.J., scored a highly unpopular majority decision over Rocky Proviano, 159¾, Rankin, Pa., four. Referee, Cortez.

Leslie Toney, 136, Youngtown, won a unanimous decision over Eduardo Torres, 137, Atlantic City, four. Referee, Orlando.

Judges—John Stewart, Robert Kimbrough and Duane Bobick.

Elbaum-Menas Productions.

(07-12-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Late substitute Clarence Hill scored a controversial third-round TKO over Donnie

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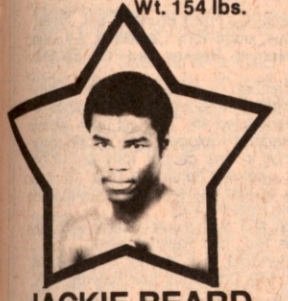

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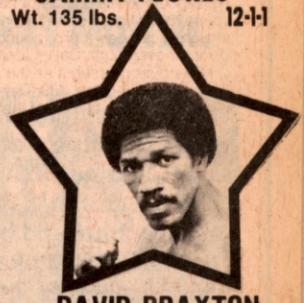

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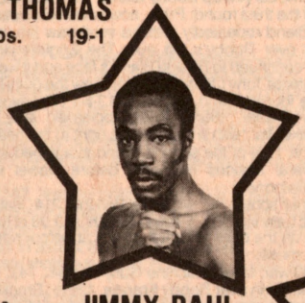

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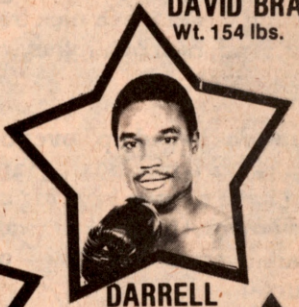

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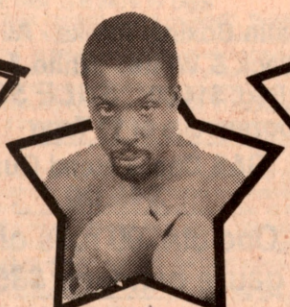

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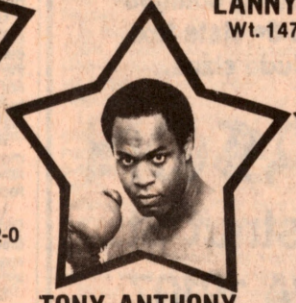

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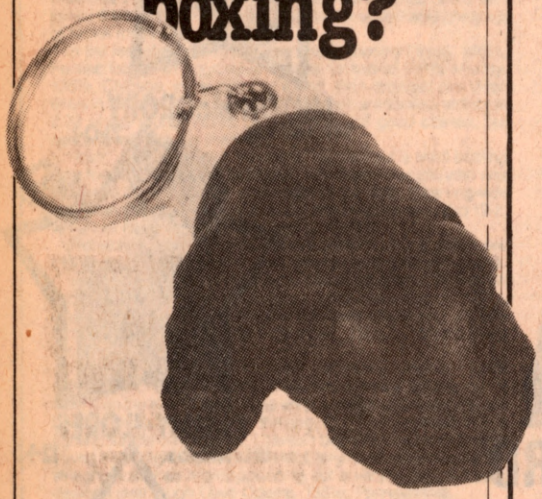

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(The Master of Disaster) Long in a blood-splattered brawl scheduled for 10. Referee Paul Venti was forced to call a halt when Long was blinded by a cascade of blood flowing from a large gash in the middle of his forehead. Donnie claimed the damage was done by an elbow and stormed after Hill and his cornermen shortly after Clarence's arm was raised in victory. Long was quickly restrained and led back to his dressing room amid a general uproar.

Southpaw Hill, 126, New York, earned the first two rounds with a busier work-rate. Long, 211½, Columbus, OH, opened the third in a much more energetic manner, taking the fight to Hill and scoring well to the body. Suddenly, Donnie emerged from a sloppy exchange spurting blood at an alarming rate. He desperately piled into Hill, hoping for a quick knockout, but the laceration was too serious. Venti had no alternative but to stop it.

In the semi-final, Osley Silas, 160½, Washington, DC, drew over eight punch-filled rounds with Carl Jones, 160, Los Angeles. It was one of the best fights seen at the Trop in recent months.

Both Jones and Silas are well-schooled, stand-up boxers, with a kick in their fists. They made an excellent pairing and complimented each other's style perfectly. Jones seemed to have the stiffer punch. Twice, he had Silas on rubber legs after landing counter rights, but couldn't find the finisher. Osley never stopped coming and, down the stretch, he had Jones under considerable pressure.

The scoring was as follows: judge Frank Brunette, 5-3, Jones; judge Bill Kostrub, 5-2-1, Silas; judge Tony Castelano, 4-4. *The Ring* also tabbed it a 4-4 stalemate. Referee, Ted Pick. Encore, please.

Ramon Santans, 147¼, Camden, N.J., destroyed Tony Demby, 152, Pleasantville, N.J., with a double left hook 41 seconds into the second round in a scheduled six. The first hook nailed Demby in the gut and the second exploded flush on the chin. Referee Venti quickly stepped in and caught Tony before he could fall through the ropes, awarding Santana a TKO.

Kip Kane, 213, Columbus, scored a unanimous decision over Curtis Whitner, Lynn, MA, six. Referee, Pick.

Tee Carpenter, 175, Trenton, N.J., won a split decision over Victor Harvey, 176¾, Thorofare, N.J., four. Referee, Venti.

Jeron Hayes, 175¼, Lindenwold, N.J., scored a unanimous decision over Vincent Nelms, 172, Columbus, four. Referee, Pick.

Elbaum-Menas Productions.
(07-19-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—Tyrone (Butterfly) Crawley may flit like a butterfly, but he sure doesn't sting like a bee. In fact, his 10-rounder with Tom Baker could best be described as a "slapfest." Both men threw (and landed) hundreds of punches; none of them powerful enough to knock a drunk off a barstool. When the exercise in pitter-patter was over, Crawley was declared the unanimous winner by scores of 9-1, 8-1-1, and 7-2-1.

Before the match, Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler said that Crawley was, "fighting for his career as a big buck fighter in this one." It is not clear whether or not Tyrone passed the test. Sure, Crawley won with room to spare, but nobody is going to pay "big bucks" to watch this sort of tap-dance.

Crawley, 135, Phila., upped his record to 13-1 (three kayoes), while Baker, 136¾, Washington, D.C., dropped to 11-7-2 (two kayoes). Vinnie Rainone, referee.

In the scheduled eight-round semi-final, England's Jimmy Price, 162¾, carved up Bobby Bland, 162, Toronto, for a TKO at the end of the third round. Price, now undefeated in six pro starts, speared Bland repeatedly with his southpaw jab, opening up a nasty cut over Bobby's left eye. The Englishman's precision punching continued to ravage Bland's face and it was not surprising that referee Tony Orlando did not allow the gutty loser to come out for the fourth. Bland slipped to 13-6-1 (10 kayoes).

Rodney Frazier, 199½, Phila., poleaxed Mel Daniel, 195, Chesapeake, Va., with a thunderous right to the head for a clean knockout in 1:29 of the second round in a scheduled six. There were several anxious moments before Daniel was revived. Referee, Rainone.

In another scheduled six, Mike Perkins, 214, Hallandale, Fla., TKO'd Ric Lainhart, 211, Virginia Beach, at 2:28 of the fourth. The loser was on the deck via a left hook just before referee Orlando made his move.

In a mini-war, Mike (Machine Gun) Mungin, 142, Phila., won a majority decision over Bobby Francis, 139½, Brooklyn, over four punch-filled rounds. A knockdown scored by Mungin in the third was his margin of victory. Referee, Rainone.

Southpaw Dean Scarfe, 151½, London, England, won a unanimous decision over Tom Clancy, 150, Chesapeake, four. Both men were making their pro debuts. Referee, Orlando.

The card was televised live over the ESPN cable.

Judges—John Stewart, Harold Lederman, Ray Hoagland.
(07-21-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Calling on the experience gained against some of the best 160-pounders of the day, veteran trialhorse Teddy (The Irish) Mann upset streaking Dwight (Tiger) Walker, scoring a 10-round split decision. Judge Frank Cairo saw Mann the winner, 6-4, while judge Lindsey Tucker went for Walker by the same margin. Judge John Stewart broke the stalemate with a popular 5-4-1 tally for Mann.

Mann, 160½, Forked River, N.J., needed a win to prolong his career and came through with a fine effort. He outboxed Walker early, survived a nasty slice over his left eye, and slugged back in the late stages when Walker threatened to come on. Teddy might not look like much with his flabby belly and powderpuff punching, but he's as tough as they come and always able to give value for his purse. His record now stands at 28-11 with 15 kayoes.

Walker, 159, Newark, N.J., seemed frustrated by Mann's cute moves and had problems getting off. He manged to tag Teddy now and then, but never really found the grove. He saw his record drop to 16-3-1 with six kayoes.

Len Villers, 169¼, Warren Ohio, stopped Mike Adessa, 173, Old Forge, Pa., on a cut eye at 0:43 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Adessa ate a lot of leather coming in, but was starting to reach Villers when he was ruled out due to the nasty gash over his left optic.

Clint Barnes, 195¼, blitzed John Trinidad, 184½, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 2:34 of the first round in a scheduled six. Barnes opened

fast and didn't stop tossing punches until Trinidad was drapped helpless across the ropes.

Sensational propsect Gregg (The Zion Lion) Edelman, 137¾, Merchantville, N.J., TKO'd Pittsburgh's Tony Faiello, 137½, at 2:43 of the first round in a scheduled. Edelman, now 4-0 with four kayoes, more than lived up to his advance billing, scoring three knockdowns before it was over.

Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 133¼, Plainfield, N.J., won a unanimous decision over game Derrick Swinney, 137¾, Camden, N.J., four.

Sam David, 116, Phillipsburg, N.J., (via Colombia) blew out easy mark Frank Gill, 116½, Warren, at 2:18 of the second round in a scheduled four to bring his pro record to 7-0 (five kayoes). Gill was sacrificed in his pro debut.

Joe Cortez refereed the main event, Barnes-Trinidad, and Knight-Swinney; Ted Pick handled Villers-Adessa, Edelman-Faiello, and David-Gill.

Elbaum-Menas Promotions

Attendance—1,600 (SRO)

(08-02-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—Unheralded Mike Tinley hammered out a warning to the rest of the middleweight division, scoring a split decision over Robbie Sims in a bitterly-contested 10-rounder. It was the first major bout of Tinley's career and Sims provided him with a rugged introduction to the big league.

Southpaw Sims, 157¼, Brockton, Mass., was understandably upset with the decision. All three of his pro loses (16-3-1, 13 kayoes, overall) have come in Atlantic City in close fights with Bobby Czyz, Clint Jackson, and now Tinley. He received judge Harold Lederman's 6-3-1 vote, but lost the other two cards when judges Tommy Kaczmarek and Richard F. Murry went for Tinley, 5-4-1 and 7-2-1, respectively. Murry's score seemed way out of line. *The Ring* tabbed it a draw, 4-4-2.

Both men fought full-tilt the entire distance with many punches exchanged. Tinley, 156½, Camden, N.J., scored well at long range with his jab and straight right. Southpaw Sims got the better of the infighting, ripping effectively to both the body and head. Each fighter was shaken several times. Sims was cut under his right eye, while Tinley was gashed over the left optic. All-in-all, an excellent bout—worthy of a rematch.

In the official main event, Melvin (The Tank) Paul, 133½, New Orleans, defended his ESPN lightweight belt with a unanimous 12-round decision over Bobby Johnson, 135, Easton, Pa., in a match that suffered in comparison with the Tinley-Sims rumble.

Johnson was very reluctant to mix it up, and Paul chugged forwards for most of the fight to win with relative ease by scores of 7-5 and 8-3-1 (twice). The win lifted Paul's log to 17-1 (11 kayoes), while Johnson lost for the first time in 19 pro outings.

In a scheduled eight, Danny Ferris, 151¾, Albany, N.Y., TKO'd Danny Myers, 153¾, Muncie, Indiana, at 2:30 of the opening round. Myers was down four times in a real laugher.

Steve Gamble, 156½, Indianapolis, won a unanimous decision over James Howell, 158¼, four.

Gary Lightburn, 209½, New York, scored a majority decision over Johnny (Sheetrock) Owens, 241¼, Phila., four.

Referee Frank Cappuccino worked Paul-Johnson and Tinley-Paul, while Rudy Battled handled Ferris-Myers, Gamble-Howell and Lightburn-Owens.

Top Rank, Inc.

(08-03-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel Casino—Johnny (Bump City) Bumphus celebrated his 23rd birthday a day early, scoring a TKO over veteran Nani Marrero at 0:34 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Bumphus had hoped that Marrero would provide a good test for an eventual title fight with Aaron Pryor. It didn't work out that way. Marrero offered little in the way of pressure and was completely outclassed by the talented lefty from Clementon, New Jersey.

Bumphus, 142, was surprisingly effective against the always awkward Marrero, who has beaten the likes of Saoul Mamby and Dujuan Johnson. Johnny put his punches together well, punishing Nani in almost every round. Marrero, 142½, landed a couple of decent shots in the third; but overall, he was never in the fight.

A series of potent head shots crashed into Marrero's head in the seventh, but the brave Dominican somehow lasted the round. He was visited by the ringside doctor during the rest period, but was allowed to come out for the eighth—a decision that seemed unwise at best. As soon as hostilities resumed, Bumphus spilled Nani with a looping right to the back of the head, prompting referee Tony Perez to stop the fight without a count. Marrero was completely spent and offered no protest.

The decisive victory lifted Bumphus' record to 20-0 with 15 knockouts. He expects to have one more fight before tackling the winner of the upcoming Pryor-Arguello rematch. Marrero, who had never been stopped before, fell to 28-11-2 with only five knockouts.

In another 10-rounder, undefeated Carl (The Truth) Williams, 218¼, White Plains, New York, scored a unanimous decision over Woody Clark, 202, St. Augustine, Florida. This was a real snore-bore. Williams backed away the entire fight, winning rounds with his jab, but never launching anything resembling a serious offense. It looked like he was carrying Woody until the last round when Clark had the audacity to nail Carl with a hard combo to the head. All-in-all, a very strange fight. Referee, Paul Venti.

Danny McElnea, 153, Essex Falls, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Joe Martino, 160, New Hyde Park, N.Y., six. Referee, Venti.

Barry Housman, 133½, Fort Worth, Texas, TKO'd James Bracewell, 136¼, Trenton, N.J., at 1:11 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee, Perez.

Vinnie Pazienza, 137¼, Cranston, R.I., TKO'd Ed Carberry, 141¼, Washington, D.C., at the end of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Perez.

Scott Mantone, Paterson, N.J., TKO'd Ernest Togba, 150¾, New York, at 1:17 of the first in a scheduled four. Referee, Perez.

Southpaw Al Martino, 134½, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Teddy Smith, 135¼, Trenton, N.J., four. Referee, Venti.

The card was televised live over the MIZLOU cable.

Judges—Frank Brunette, Bill Kostrub, John Stewart.

Main Event Productions, Inc.

(08-16-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Mike Rossman kept his comeback alive, rallying from behind to score a 10-round split decision over Pittsburgh's Robert White. It was an exciting, hard-fought contest that added credence to Rossman's cause. It also proved to be both the most demanding and difficult of his three-bout comeback. White came close to springing an upset, but Mike displayed great determination, pulling out the fight with a strong stretch drive.

White, 178, utilized good movement and an accurate right to build an early lead. Rossman, also 178, always looked dangerous, but overall, White stayed one step (and one punch) ahead. Then in the seventh, White jarred Mike into the ropes with a left hook. The underdog jumped to the attack and opened up with a barrage of punches, landing flush with about a dozen.

For awhile, it looked like the former WBA light heavyweight champion was going over, but he rode out the storm and even managed to nail White with a heavy left hook just before the round-ending bell.

White, a former three-year letterman as a cornerback at the University of Pittsburgh, probably shot his bold during his all-out effort in the seventh. From the eighth on, Rossman came charging back. He hurt Robert in the eighth with left hooks and then dropped him on his race with a vicious right to the chin in the ninth. To the surprise of all, White beat referee Vinnie Rainone's count and even mounted a mini-rally of his own, tagging Rossman with a decent right as the round drew to a close. It was quite a fight.

Rossman continued to dominate in the 10th, earning the cards of judges Tommy Kaczmarek and Harold Lederman, 6-3-1 and 6-4, respectively. Judge Robert Kimbrough went for White, 6-4.

"I don't deny it," said Rossman. "I have trouble with guys who move a lot. White came to fight, but I think the body shots slowed him down a lot."

"He did a good job," agreed White. "He's coming back. I stayed with him tonight. I know I hurt him a few times, but I couldn't capitalize on it."

In the scheduled 10-round semi-final, Earl (The Pearl) Hargrove, 155¼, Philadelphia, kept his knockout string intact, destroying veteran Darryl Penn, 152, Portland, Ore., at 2:04 of the second. After a tentative opening round, Hargrove cut loose with both hands, blasting poor Penn with four knockdowns before referee Rainone called him off. It was strictly target practice once Hargrove got going. He is now 23-0 with 23 kayoes. Stay tuned for more of the same. This guy can punch.

Kevin Perry, 155, Phila., TKO'd Gary Jones, 158, Milwaukee, at 0:23 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Referee, Ted Pick.

Hopeless Lee Canalito, 246, Houston, Texas, won a unanimous decision over James Dixon, 202½, Chicago, eight. Canalito owns a fancy 13-0, 11 kayo record, but can't fight a lick. Referee, Pick.

Tom McGuire, 187½, Phila., TKO'd Mike McIntyre, 189¾; at 2:30 of the second round in a scheduled six. McIntyre was down three times before it was over. Referee, Rainone.

Levi Jones, 147½, Phila., TKO'd Anthony Rosser, 149, Phila., at 2:17 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Rainone.

Wayne Travelene, 144, Phila., scored a split decision over William Hudson, 141¾, Phila., four. Referee, Pick.

The card was televised live over the PRISM cable.

Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.

(08-17-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—James Broad swung back into action for the first time since his loss to Marvis Frazier, scoring a TKO over Leroy Diggs at 2:43 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Once again, James' weight was the main topic of conversation. He had pared down to 228¼ for Marvis, but ballooned back up to 240¾ for Diggs.

"How do you think I looked at 240 pounds?", Broad asked reporters shortly after his victory. "I thought I looked awesome."

While "awesome" is not the adjective we would have used, it must be admitted that Broad turned in a very workman-like performance. He kept the pressure on throughout the bout, digging hard to the belly at every opportunity. Diggs, 212, Swedesboro, N.J., faded after a promising opening round and spent most of the evening soaking up punishment as he leaned against Broad for support.

There was an overabundance of inside mauling and pushing, but the finishing barrage by Broad was rather impressive. Diggs was battered into his corner and ravaged by a pair of left-right combinations to the head, followed by a vicious right uppercut. Broad had already launched another roundhouse right when referee Larry Hazzard leaped between the combatants, almost catching the haymaker himself in the process.

"I'd like to fight somebody like John Tate. I've got to crack the top 10 before Marvis gets his title shot. I want a rematch with him," said Broad, after raising his record to 13-1 with eight kayoes.

In the semi-final, hotshot Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, 135¾, Paterson, N.J., had an unexpectedly tough time with Todd (The Wantaugh Express) Longmuir, squeaking home the winner via a split decision. Longmuir, 138½, Wantagh, N.Y., only had a week-and-a-half to prepare, but gave Brown all he could handle.

Longmuir shrugged off a cut over his left eye, and earned the cheers of the crowd with his gutty showing. He landed right hands early and left hooks late to win Judge Phil Newman's card, 5-4-1. Brown took his punishment well and lashed back with both hands, often outpunching Longmuir two or three to one. Although he experienced more problems against Longmuir than in any other bout to date, he still won *The Ring*'s scorecard, 8-1-1. Judges Larry Wallace and Tony Castellano agreed, scoring it 8-1-1 and 7-3, respectively. Many of the rounds were razor close, but the edge usually belonged to Brown.

Brown, now 17-0 (15 kayoes), is scheduled to face Alfredo Escalera next. If his management wants to keep the kid undefeated, they had better reconsider. Charlie looks at least another year away from that sort of fight.

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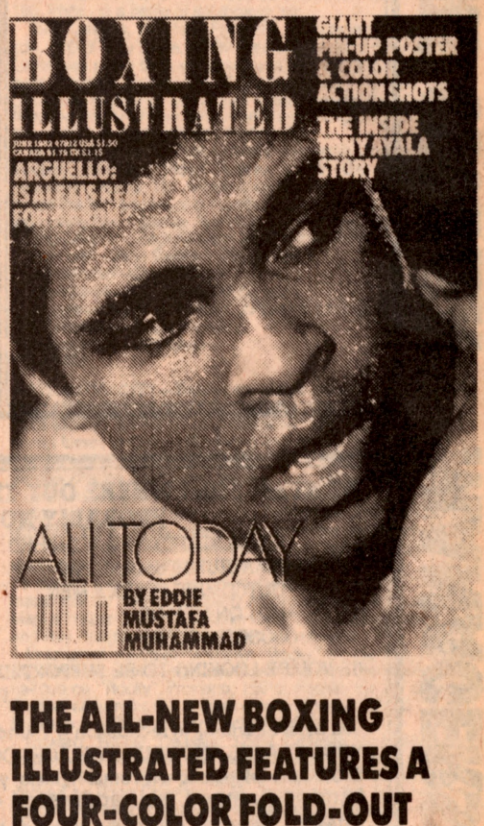

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Longmuir, now 13-5-1 (just three kayoes), won a lot of fans with his gritty performance and hopes to garner a rematch. Referee, Joe Cortez.

In a brutal, give-and-take war, Iran (The Blade) Barkley, 159½, scored a TKO over Frank Minton, 161¾, at 1:21 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. This was a real thriller. Both men took turns beating the tar out of each other. Barkley finally took over and pounded Minton into a bloody pulp. Referee Cortez gave Minton every chance to rally back, but was forced to call a halt when the traffic became strictly one way.

Barkley raised his log to 6-1 (four kayoes), while Minton, Indianapolis, dropped to 4-1 (three kayoes). A rematch would enhance any card.

Charles Arnold, 226, New York, scored an unpopular split decision over Dennis Rivers, 200½, Atlantic City, four. Referee, Hazzard.

Steve Floch, 234¼, Staten Island, TKO'd Ralph Kelly, 222¾, Syracuse, N.Y., at 2:29 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Hazzard.

Gary Lightburn, 209½, Oceanside, N.Y., won a unanimous decision over Juan Quintana, 200½, Holyoke, Mass., four. Referee, Cortez.

The card was televised over the ESPN cable.

Top Rank, Inc.

(08-18-83)

▲**NOTES**—Terrence Alli beat Danny Avery by majority decision on the June 2 card at Resorts. The result was incorrectly reported as a win for Avery in the August issue.

NIGEL COLLINS

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—"The Thin Man" didn't have to search for his opponent. Maurice Blocker, 146¾, Washington, D.C., was like flypaper, and Danny (Mad Dog) Paul, 146½, Detroit, stuck right to him. The scoring was unanimous for Blocker (9-1, 9-1, 8-2, and 8-1-1 by *The Ring*), but don't believe everything you read.

Paul—the older brother of USBA lightweight champion Jimmy—threw himself at the taller boxer-puncher as if on a divine mission of win or die. Danny charged and pressed and then, as a change of pace, he pressed and charged. He had Maurice going backward 95% of the time.

The scrapper from Detroit paid the price, however, single minded dedication to duty. Blocker, while never really being able to set to land the K.O. blow (the bout was knockdown free), was the harder, cleaner, and more effective puncher—especially with the left hook to the body.

Only in round three—which he won on all cards—was "Mad Dog" able to achieve a work rate intensity that effectively nullified the sharpness of Blocker. Blocker later said, "I knew he would be tough, but not *that* tough."

Blocker is now 13-0 with eight knockouts. Paul is 23-6 with 13 kayoes. Rudy Battle refereed.

Joe Louis Manley, 145¼, Atlantic City, TKO'd an outclassed Glenn Burnett, 149, Lynn, Mass., at 3:05 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Glenn went down from a left hook in round one, but got up to verbally challenge Manley. Joe continued with can't-miss combos and, late in the second round, Louis once again waved for him to fire. Manley did, and a beauty of a right hand floored Burnett. Louis rose at seven (after the bell), but stumbled into a neutral corner, whereupon ref Paul Venti took a look and stopped the fight.

Manley is now 11-1 with five kayoes. Burnett is 10-7 with two knockouts.

Luis Rivera, 159¼, Camden, New Jersey, TKO'd Anthony Crudup, 161½, Washington, D.C., at 2:36 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Rivera, 19, is now 10-3 with seven kayoes. Paul Venti, referee. Crudup was down in the first, second, and fifth sessions.

Four-rounders: Dave Edwards, 153, Washington, won a unanimous decision over debuting Chris Anderson, 150½, Philadelphia. Harold Knight, 133, Plainfield, N.J., made his pro debut by stopping Thomas Mason, 135½, Washington, at 1:54 of the first. Joe Williams, 145, won a split duke over Neal Allen, 148¾, Davidsonville, Md. Venti refereed Knight-Mason; Battle worked the other two.

Judges—Eva Shain, Frank Cairo, William Kostrub.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucchianico.

Site—Royal Swan Ballroom on the fourth floor.

Elbaum-Menas Productions.

(07-05-83)

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel**—Two men who lost out on big paydays shared top billing on this ESPN cablecast.

Roger Stafford, 149¼, Philadelphia, won a very unimpressive unanimous decision over Darryl Fuller, 150, Jackson, Tenn., 10. "Fast Fists" Fuller pressed the action for the most part, and seemed to be taking the lead with a middle rounds surge. Experience and a solid history of distance work proved the difference here. His corner told Stafford that his title shot at WBA champ Donald Curry was in jeopardy, and he awoke in the ninth and 10th.

Neither boxer landed any bombs, and it was more a "battle" of left hooks and jabs—mostly inside, where there was plenty of holding and grabbing going on. Scoring: Harold Lederman, 5-4-1; Lawrence Wallace, 5-3-2; Phil Newman, 6-3-1. *The Ring* called it a draw, 5-5, and the official call got a mixed reaction from the crowd, who later cheered Fuller as he left the ring.

Kenny (Bang Bang) Bogner, 136, Trenton, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Trevor Evelyn, 135, Brooklyn, in the 10-round co-feature. No knockdowns, and even Bogner admitted that he wasn't sharp. Even with "Bang Bang" as a nickname, Kenny isn't really a big puncher. He has limited ability, and could well be knocked off before he ever sees the chance of getting a title shot. Kenny bled (what else is new?) from a small cut over the left eye in round seven.

Scoring: Wallace, 8-2; Lederman, 8-2; Newman, 6-3-1. *The Ring* saw it 8-1-1. Joe Cortez, referee. Bogner is now 20-1-1 with 12 knockouts.

Ismael Gneco, 176, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jim Leming, 186¼, Howell Township, New Jersey, six. Joe Cortez, referee. Gneco is now 2-0.

Charles Arnold, 230, New York, turned pro with a unanimous decision over southpaw Keith Allen, 193½, Louisville, Ky., four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Tui Aloha, 237, Latham, New York, TKO'd Gary Clancy, 257, Huntington Station, New York, in their scheduled four-rounder. Clancy did not come out for round three. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.

Top Rank, Inc.

(07-07-83)

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—A semi-private afternoon affair gave Sylvester Stallone a chance to showcase some of his Tiger Eye, Ltd. boxers. Luckily, there was no television.

Gordon Racette, 214, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, won a unanimous decision over Rickie Keller, 216½, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 10. Keller suffered an inconsequential knockdown in round six. Just two plodding white boys with little finesse. Scores were 6-3-1, 6-4, and 5-4-1. Rudy Battle, referee.

Stallone's other white heavyweight had a much easier time of it. Lee Canalito, 245, Houston, Texas, TKO'd some poor shmoe named Ozell Williams, 202¼, Canton, Ohio, at 2:02 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Williams, a southpaw, got nailed with a long straight right. He got up at eight, but referee Battle stopped it.

Calvin Grove, 128¼, Pottstown, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Juan Figueroa, 129, Miami Beach, eight. Grove is now 11-0. He won every round except the third, when he was floored by a looping right. Tony Orlando, referee.

Kevin Perry, 158, Philadelphia, TKO'd Lino Cajinas, 159, Nicaragua, at 0:32 of the first round in their scheduled eight. Two knockdowns via left hooks and that was it. Who was this supposed 13-4 Cajinas, a real sham. Tony Orlando, referee.

Mike Golden, 134¼, Philadelphia, won a majority decision over Joey Ruiz, 138¾, Chicago, six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Art Crandall, 131, Millville, New Jersey, TKO'd Kevin Jackson, 126¼, Philly, at 1:18 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder. It was even till the Jackson, a southpaw, was rattled and floored. He got up at seven, but referee Orlando said no more.

Tony Thornton, 159, Glassboro, N.J., kayoed Jimmy Barham, 156, Philadelphia, in 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled four. Two knockdowns, the second from a crushing right. Barham, who was making his pro debut, lay on the canvas as doctors tended to him. He did, however, finally leave the ring under his own power. Tony Orlando, referee.

Marlon Palmer, 148¼, Pottstown, Pa., won a split duke over Jimmy Muse, also 148¼, Philadelphia, four. No knockdowns, but Palmer backed up Muse for the most part. Good work, fellows; a shame someone had to lose. Tony Orlando, referee.

Judges—Lindsey Tucker, Charles Spina, Brank Brunette.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

(07-17-83)

JACK OBERMAYER

▲**TOTOWA—Ice World**—Rocky Lockridge, 127, Maple Shade, New Jersey, deposited Daniel (Chino) Cruz, also 127, Los Angeles, on the canvas twice via right hands before the ref interceded at 2:57 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Scott Frank, 208, Oakland, New Jersey, walked his way to a laconic unanimous decision over Ken Arlt, 216½, Portland, Oregon, 10. Arlt has a good jaw, but was slow on the exchanges. Frank is now 20-0-1 with 14 knockouts.

Robert Hines, 149, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Jake Torrence, 152½, Gary, Indiana, eight. Hines is still unbeaten.

Sal Cenicola, 130, Paterson, N.J., outpointed Dwight Hobson, 131½, Elizabeth, N.J., six. Cenicola is also undefeated.

Danny McElnea, 155, Essex Falls, N.J., kept his unbeaten record by outscoring Kevin Daigle, 153¾, Troy, New York, six.

Victor Gordon, 143½, Hillside, N.J., TKO'd Robert Gaddy, 144, Elizabeth, at 2:55 of the third.

Scott Mantone, 159, Paterson, TKO'd Don Harris, 160, Camden, at 1:50 of the second.

Referees—Paul Venti, Randy Neumann.

Judges—Ron Burns, Paul Cavalier, Tom Kaczmarek.

Main Events.

Attendance—1,600 (estimated).

(07-14-83)

MICHAEL FELDMAN

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel & Casino**—Ringsiders have wondered for some time how long the Montgomery County battalion could continue to march through their respective divisions in sync. In triple ten-round windups, Steve Traitz kept pace, Willie Harris had to double-time a bit, and Joe Thomas fell a half-step behind.

Traitz, 163, Norristown, met his first southpaw, as Ken Heflin, 156, Louisville, helped prepare him for the eventual showdown with lefty Marvin Hagler. Steve switched portside himself to drop Heflin with a right-left reverse one-two in the fourth, but tasted canvas himself in the fifth when Ken caught him off balance. This only made Steve mad, as he floored Heflin later in the round, then four more times in a wild sixth (Jersey has no 3-knockdown rule) before ref Rudy Battle waved it over at 2:25. Showman Heflin never appeared seriously hurt, just outclassed, and evidently decided if he couldn't win he might as well dramatize the defeat.

Willie Harris, 154¾, Eagleville, Pa., likewise had to come off the floor against unknown Toby Smith, 155½, Portsmouth, Va. As Harris charged in the second, a short right counter from underneath crumpled him in a heap. But he boxed his way out well, and regained command, flooring Toby twice with left hooks in the next round. When a right cross decked Smith in the fourth, ref Joe O'Neil called it off at 0:49.

Although he never hit the floor, Joe Thomas, 236½, Trooper, Pa., fared worst of the three, being held to a draw by gigantic Mike White. Though he stood nearly seven feet, weighed 264½, and was fished out of a Bay City, Mich., "Tough Man" tournament by manager Art Dore, White's style was more "shut-'em-down" than "shoot-'em-down." Long-armed and lanky, White slapped, grabbed, and leaned away from punches, preventing Thomas from landing solidly while badly damaging Joe's face. Thomas was covered with blood after only one round, and bled so badly from the nose and around the eyes, throughout the fight, that even vaunted cutman Eddie Alliano couldn't stem the gore. Otherwise, it was a dullish push-and-tug battle of titans, with White tiring badly and Thomas seeming to pull it out in the final rounds. But the judges couldn't agree, Milo Savage calling 6-3-1 for Thomas, but Frank Cairo (5-5) and William Kostrub (7-3 for White) possibly influenced too much by the blood. Battle refereed.

Thomas, who suffered the first blemish on his record after 12 wins, blamed his opponent's height for his own inability to score effectively. "I probably would have done better if I had had Wilt Chamberlain as a sparring partner. I was punching up a lot, so he'd just turn and I'd slide off and hit him on the shoulder . . . The guy was all arms. He could throw a jab from Ohio and still hit you in New Jersey . . . I think all that blood influenced the judges," he offered.

Stan Butler, 217½, Albuquerque, showed all the killer instinct of Casper the Ghost in mauling to a unanimous win over one "Mike Cohen" (who has apparently taken up the current fad of adopting a Jewish-sounding monicker), 200, Hilton Head, S.C., eight. O'Neil refereed.

In a sloppy battle of attrition between two burn-outs, Broderick Mason, 205¼, Phila., decked Roger Troupe, 207, Atlantic City, in the first, then was surprised when nearly dropped himself in the third, before finally fighting Troupe to a standstill. Ref O'Neill rescued Roger at 1:35 of the seventh, scheduled eight.

Rich Shonenberger, 209¾, Norristown, who lost his debut nearly two years ago, but has been a faithful gym rat ever since, decided to try again. He knocked down Bill Miller, 181, Spartanburg, S.C., once in the first and four times in a wild second, scoring a TKO in 1:46, scheduled six. Battle reffed.

Juan Marquez, 136, Warminster, Pa., posted a two-knockdown TKO over Randy Reigel, 135, Summerville, S.C., in 2:06 of the second of four. O'Neil refereed.

Promoter/matchmaker—Joe Hand.

Attendance—1300 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(07-13-83)

▲**HAZLET—Plaza Forum**—A modest club show, with no main event, gave some some young hopefuls a chance to gain experience and build confidence. Sal Cenicola, 130½, Paterson, chased Willie Fisher, 133, Englewood, N.J., into the third round of a scheduled six. Finally catching Fisher in a corner, Sal landed a right, and Willie sat down for the count in 2:59. Bruce Starling, 160, Elizabeth, won a unanimous decision over Robert Thomas, 160, Phila., in a battle of southpaws, six.

Tony Corrado, 155, New Paltz, N.Y., a protege of Floyd Patterson, TKO'd Terry Battle, 156¾, Trenton, in 1:16 of the third of six. Battle was down from rights twice in the first, and again in the third. Thomas Young, 125, Eatontown, N.J., handled by Art Cavaliere, brother of well-known former referee Paul Cavaliere, dropped and TKO'd an exhausted Wayne Bingham, 121¾, Trenton, in 0:31 of the fourth and final round.

In a scheduled six, Pete O'Keefe was again involved in controversy. Unknown Floyd Peavey, 147½, Glens Falls, N.Y., pounded O'Keefe, 151, Middletown N.J., forcing him to quit between the first and second rounds. The commission is considering pulling Pete's license. Ted Pick refereed Starling-Thomas and Young-Bingham; Zack Clayton worked the others.

Promoter—John Gorman (Phytes, Inc.).

Matchmaker—Gary Dietrich.

Attendance—400. Gross $6000 (est.).

Judges—Lawrence Wallace, Al DeVito, Charles Spina.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Announcer—Frank Shain.

(07-27-83)

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Rebounding Elijah Tillery served notice he's not finished yet, with a convincing, if not exciting, ten-round unanimous win over William Hosea. In dismal losses to Quadir Muntaqim and Alonzo Ratliff, a slugging Tillery windmilled until his arms draped at his sides like broken window shades. Eschewing fan approval, Elijah, 189½, Albany, developed a controlled boxing style, shortened his punches, switch hit, and conserved energy. Though the crowd booed the subdued pace, Tillery clearly dominated the frustrated Hosea, 194, Bloomington, Ill. Elimah took the win, and shrugged off the reaction with, "I'm not gonna fight for the fans anymore . . . I can't be champ overnight. I've got to *learn* to be champ." Sadly, a lesson lost on many, like Davey Moore, Hilmer Kenty, and now Marvis Frazier. Carol Castellano voted 7-2-1, Milo Savage 6-3-1, and Ray Hoagland 9-1. Larry Hazzard refereed.

In an upset, southpaw unknown "Rocky" Molina, 155, Havana via Plainfield, wasn't impressed with the new "Mohawk-punk" hairdoo on "Rocky" Proviano, 159½, Rankin, Pa. He came off the floor early in the first to take command, cropping and TKO'ing Proviano in 1:02 of the third, scheduled six.

Edward "Watusi" DeJesus, 129¼, Camden, drubbed Dwight Hobson, 131, Elizabeth, by unanimous decision, six.

In a wild shootout, Georgie Navarro, 126½, Vineland, was decked by Tony Coleman, 128, Trenton, in the first, but Tony became too anxious and was himself dropped twice and TKO'd, all within 2:41 of the first of four. Tony Orlando refereed Molina—Proviano and Navarro-Coleman.

In another upset, tough-luck loser "Cookie" James, 139, Phila., proved too roughhouse for unbeaten Glen Costales, 139¼, Willingboro, N.J. Glen was down in the second, third, and last, in losing a bitterly fought unanimous verdict, six.

Dom Parris, 153¾, Phila., belted an exhausted Eric Wall, 156, Trenton, through the ropes for a TKO at 2:21 of the second, scheduled four. Hazzard refereed James-Costales and Parris-Wall.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ten Menas.

Attendance—1200 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-09-83)

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—James (Bonecrusher) Smith showed he'd better make haste slowly,

needing a lucky cut-eye TKO to triumph over trialhorse Walter Santemore in a scheduled ten. Unable to overpower his man, Smith, 233¼, Magnolia, N.C. proved ineffective, as the crowd booed the dreary affair. Santemore, 223¾, New Orleans, used movement, slapping counters, and judicious clinching to lead on the officials' cards, when a glancing blow cut his left eye in the third. Referee Zack Clayton then suddenly stopped the bout at 1:54 of the fourth, saving Bonecrusher further embarrassment, and the fans from further punishment.

Returning Luis Rivera, 158, Camden, continued to show rust, with a unanimous decision over former Carolinian "Bean" Whisetten, 159, now Pittsburgh, eight. Bean was rocked over and over, but Luis couldn't put punches together to stop him.

Dorian Melamed, 211½, Pomona, N.Y., TKO'd punching bag John L. Johnson, 200, Miami Beach, at 0:30 of the second, scheduled four. John L. was on his feet and didn't like it, pushed ref Frank Cappuccino, and drew a suspension.

Darrow Dudley, 154, Plainfield, outgunned Kimbrady Carriker, 150½, Darby, Pa., for a two-knockdown TKO in 2:32 of the first, scheduled four. Cappuccino refereed Rivera-Whisetten, Melamed-Johnson and Dudley-Carriker.

Joe Frazier, Jr., 136½, Phila., used a scorching body attack and a right uppercut to KO Curtis Roach, 137, Reading, who appeared to sit down and call it quits, in 0:58 of the first of six.

Reggie Boyer, 155, Phila., beat Jerome Johnson, 157, Jackson, N.J., by unanimous call in a good four. Clayton refereed Frazier-Roach and Boyer-Johnson.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1500 (est.).
Judges—Wm. Kostrub, John Stewart, Milo Savage.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-23-83) J.R. JOWETT

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino—In as predictably onesided a heavyweight title fight as everyone—including the challenger's trainer and most probably the challenger, too—expected, Larry Holmes, 223, stopped Scott Frank, 211¼, Oakland, New Jersey, at 1:28 of the fifth round in a 5,000-seat tent pitched outside Harrah's Casino.

It was the 33-year-old Holmes' 44th victory, bringing him to within five wins of tying Rocky Marciano's record of 49-0. It also brought him $1,500,000. Frank, now 20-1-1, got $350,000.

By the fifth round, Frank was gasping. The end came after Holmes connected with a right uppercut and clipped Scott with a thumb as the challenger stood in his own corner. Referee Tony Perez stepped in as Frank, yelling curses, put his gloves to his face and turned away from Holmes. Frank went down to one knee, and Perez stopped the fight.

Holmes said he felt strong at his heavier weight and planned to come in at 218 for Marvis Frazier.

Jerry (The Bull) Martin, 173¾, Philadelphia, won a narrow split decision over Anthony Witherspoon, 173, Philadelphia, 10. Zack Clayton, referee. Martin is now 24-5 with 17 knockouts. Witherspoon is 7-1.

Fred Hutchings, 155, Stockton, Calif., knocked out Kirkland Laing, 147¾, England, in 0:51 of the 10th and final sesion. Laing, the last man to defeat Roberto Duran, hit his head hard on the apron after being kayoed by a right hand-left hook combo and referee Frank Cappuccino wisely dispensed with the count. Hutchings is now 22-1 with 16 kayoes. Laing, who suffered a mild concussion, is 24-4-1 with 10 knockouts.

Lupe Aquino, 149, Santa Paula, Calif., scored an upset TKO over Steve Hearon, 147, Houston, at 1:52 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Clayton stopped the bout due to a gash over Hearon's eye. Aquino is now 22-1 with 16 knockouts. Hearon is 24-3 with 18 kayoes.

Mike Fisher, 174½, East Orange, won a split decision over Robert McConnell, 173½, Washington, D.C., four. Zack Clayton, referee. The bout, the final prelim before the telecast, was originally scheduled for 10 rounds, and it was not until the fourth frame was about to start that the fighters were told that it would be the final session. Fisher is now 13-5.

Jimmy Clark, 214, Coatsville, Pa., knocked down Art Houlk (AKA Al Houck), 209½, Brainard, Minnesota, three times in the first round for an automatic TKO at 2:21. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Raphael Lopez, 130¼, Pawtucket, R.I., dropped Angelo Williams, 131, Jersey City, early in the first round, but referee Cappuccino awarded Williams a TKO late in the frame due to a cut sustained by Lopez on his forehead. Lopez is now 26-3 with 16 kayoes. Williams is 4-4.

Pipito Lopez, 131, Central Hills, Rhode Island, and Al Mitchell, also 131, Philadelphia, drew, four.

Rudy Battle, Charles Spina, and Larry Wallace were the judges for Fisher-McConnell and Lopez-Williams. William Kostrub, Milo Savage, and John Stewart worked the rest of the prelims.

Holmes-Frank judges—Frank Brunette, Spider Bynum, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoters—Bob Andreoli, Murad Muhammad.
NBC-TV.
(09-10-83) BEN SHARAV

NEW YORK

▲ROCHESTER—Henrietta Dome—Pablo DeJesus, 165, Rochester, won a split decision over Lloyd Richardson, 162, Buffalo, 10. Scoring: Don Ackerman, 5-3-2, DeJesus; Jack Milicich, 5-3-2, Richardson; Don Nodecker, 5-4-1, DeJesus. Pablo is now 7-0. He's handled by Tony Graziano and Ralph Fratto, Sr.

Dwight Williams, 146, Syracuse, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Frankie Minigan, 145, Rochester, six.

John Tyrell, 178½, Glens Falls, New York, TKO'd Tom Bennett, 182, Rochester, at 2:20 of the fourth and final round. Referee Frank Adams halted it with Bennett on the take.

Clarence Hudson, 122, Syracuse, won a unimous decision over Jimmy Giambelluca, 131, Buffalo, six. Hudson, now 7-2 in the pro ranks, is managed by Billy Harris. (Harris also guides Dwight Williams.) Giambelluca is handled by Johnny Sudac.

Rocky Rodriguez, 155¾, Buffalo, TKO'd Frank Murray, 149, Syracuse, at 0:55 of the third round in their scheduled four. This was Rodriguez's pro debut.

Ralph Smiley, 162, Ithaca, New York, eked out a majority decision over Billy Sullivan, 164, Syracuse, in the opening four. Smiley, managed by Chet Cashman, is now 2-0. Sullivan, handled by Billy Eagan, is 2-1.

Referees—Frank Adams, Larry White.
Timekeeper—Ray Rinaldi.
Ring Announcer—Dick Tobin.
Promoter—Chuck Emmi/Canastota Boxing Club.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
(08-19-83) JIM LEO

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Mark Medal, 154, Jersey City, knocked out washed up Steve Delgado, 155, Phoenix, Arizona, in 1:32 of the second in the scheduled 10-round main event. Johnny Colan, referee. Medal is now 19-1 with 16 kayoes. Delgado, who should pack it in, is 17-9-1 with five knockouts.

Troy Darrell, 150, New York, TKO'd Sammy Valencia, 153½, Ecuador, at the end of the first round in a scheduled eight. A bad cut on the left eyebrow left Sammy unable to come out for round two. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Mike Martinez, 157, Brooklyn, won a shutout (6-0 on all three cards) verdict over southpaw Jose Diaz, 160½, New York, six. Fred Ucci, referee.

Arthur Anthony Holt, 164, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Bruce Starling, 160, Elizabeth, New Jersey, six. Larry Hazzard, referee. Scoring: Artie Levine and Bernie Friedkin, both 6-0; Ted Wint, 5-1.

Fred Brown, 148, Newark, kayoed Ray Jones, 149½, Dallas, in 0:49 of the third round in their scheduled six. Jones was also knocked down twice in the second. Johnny Colan, referee.

Emmett Decker, 137½, Kingston, New York, and Egar Brito, 141, drew, four. Fred Ucci, referee. Scoring: Friedkin, 3-1, Decker; Wint, 3-1, Brito; Levine, 2-2.

Marino DeJesus Ramirez, 123½, Paterson, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Chris (Dynamite) Diaz, 122, Puerto Rico, four. Larry Hazzard, referee. Scoring: Friedkin and Wint, both 3-1; Levine, 4-0.

Elias Martinez, 132, Bronx, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jose Veles, 131½, Dominican Republic, four. Jim Santa, referee. Scoring: Friedkin and Levine, both 3-1; Levine, 4-0.

Juan Ocasio, 125, Brooklyn, knocked out Robert Houston, 120, Newark, in 1:28 of the first round in their scheduled four. Jim Santa, referee.

C. B. Mustafa, 134½, Detroit, won a majority decision over Pedro Maisonet, 135, Bronx, four. Fred Ucci, referee. Scoring: Friedkin, 2-2; Wint, 3-1; Levine, 3-1, giving Mustafa an extra point in the third session.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(08-19-83)

▲NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden—Three "live" bouts preceded the closed circuit telecast of the Pryor-Arguello rematch from Las Vegas.

Former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad, 172½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Larry Davis, 171, Plainfield, New Jersey, at 0:27 of the 10th and final round. Saad looked absolutely terrible. He's lost his punch, and the "defense" he'd been working on in Arizona with Janks Morton was absolutely non-existent. Saad was winning when referee Joe Cortez stopped the bout, but Davis, a club fighter with a losing record (now 5-10 with four kayoes), had taken everything thrown at him and given the former champ a sizeable return. Let's hope that Saad, now 33-6-2 with 24 kayoes and one of the most popular fighters of his generation, decides to pack it in before he gets badly injured.

Mark Medal, 153, Jersey City, stopped Freddy Boynton, 155, Red Bank, New Jersey, on a cut above the left eye after eight rounds in their scheduled 10. Joe Santarpia, referee. Medal is now 20-1 with 17 knockouts. Boynton is 14-11-2 with six stoppages.

Rodney Bowen, 148, Brooklyn, and Angel Gonzalez, 146½, New York, drew in the opening four-rounder. Scoring: Carol Castellano and Harold Lederman, both 2-2; Eva Shain, 3-1, Gonzalez. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

A scheduled six-rounder between Manny Ortega, 156, New York, and Brian Matthews, 154, Chicago, was not held.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(09-09-83)

▲NOTES—The Jakey "Williams" who TKO'd Miguel Machado in the June 24, 1983 show at the Felt Forum (as reported on page 60 of the August issue of *The Ring*) was actually Jakey (Stormy) *Winters*, the same middleweight who outpointed Amir Ali in a thrilling four-rounder at the same arena on August 5. The 5'10" Winters, born on December 30, 1961 in Macon, Georgia, is managed by Al Vialardi.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OKLAHOMA

▲OKLAHOMA CITY—Myriad—Frank Newton, 129¾, Oklahoma City, won a lopsided unanimous decision over James Martinez, Odessa Texas, to take the Coors Midwestern United States lightweight title, 10. Scoring: Shuler, 99-96; Zanovich, 100-92; Pouter, 100-95. (Concerning the "title": the official ratings claim to "evaluate talent in the Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas areas," but Martinez, who had not appeared in the ratings until eight days before the bout, is from Texas. Newton was coming off a 15-month lay-off due to a near fatal motorcycle accident.)

Tony Harrison, 159, Oklahoma City, won a unanimous decision over Cheto Ramos, 157, Odessa, Texas, eight. Scoring: Shuler, 80-75; Zanovich, 78-75; Pouter, 80-76.

Norris McKinney, Dallas, stopped Mike Lair, Oklahoma City, at 1:00 of the first round in a scheduled six. Lair was down twice before referee Leroy Miller stopped the bout.

Ronnie Ackerson, 175, Oklahoma City, and Joe Brewer, Wichita, Kansas, drew, six. Scoring: Pouter, 58-57, Ackerson; Zanovich, 58-58; Shuler, 58-58.

Ron Malek, 147, Wichita, won a majority decision over Virgil (Lee) Moore, also 147, Oklahoma City, six. Scoring: Pouter, 58-58; Zanovich, 58-56; Shuler, 59-55.

Jimmy Brown, Blanchard, halted Tommy Benson, Oklahoma City, at 1:30 of round two in their scheduled heavyweight six.

Referees—Rev. Bill Strunk, Leroy Miller.
Judges—Zanovich, Pouter, Shuler.
Promoter—Top Contenders Productions, Inc.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
(06-18-83)

▲NORMAN—Lloyd Noble Center—Gilbert Miranda, 147, Jonesboro, Arkansas, won a controversial split decision over Robert (Hot Dog) Manous, also 147, Oklahoma City, in a 10-rounder billed as being for the Oklahoma State welterweight title. Scoring: Helen Pouter, 98-97, Manous; Roschal, 98-95, Miranda; Bell, 97-96, Miranda.

Bobby Crabtree, 202, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Aaron Brown, 195, Oklahoma City, six. Crabtree, a southpaw, is now 10-1.

Al (Baby Bull) Rankin, 170, Junction City, Kansas, roared from behind to knock out Almando Hurtado, 165, Juarez, Mexico, with an explosive right in 2:40 of the third round in their scheduled six. Rankin is now 3-3.

Ernesto Zavala, 147, Oklahoma City, kayoed Clyde Spencer, 146, McAlester, Oklahoma, in 1:58 of round two of the scheduled four-round opener. Spencer, 34 on July 31, has been around the Oklahoma clubs for years, and it is clearly evident that he should call it quits. Zavala is now 2-0.

Referees—Harry Pouter for Spencer-Zavala, Rudy Jones for Brown-Crabtree and Rankin-Hurtado; Leroy Miller for Manous-Miranda.

Judges—Helen Pouter, Bruno Roschal, Billy Bell.
Promoter—Sooner Productions.
Attendance—150 (estimated).
(07-16-83)

JAMES HUTTON

OREGON

▲PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 120½, the northwest bantam champ, dropped Pedro Rodriguez, 118, Mexicali, once in the third round and thrice more in the seventh for a TKO at 2:27 of the latter session.

Charles (Machine Gun) Carter, 163, made his first appearance since fading against Fred Hutchings and kayoed 37-year-old catcher Candy Joe Gonsalves, 162, Santa Rosa, Calif., with a right to the jaw in 0:39 of the first inning. Candy Joe, who fought this bout while under suspension in California, announced his retirement in his dressing room a while later.

Tony (The Executioner) Thomas, 160, TKO'd Billie Minnix, 155, at 2:21 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Minnix began to tire in the second round, and hit the deck twice in the third. Billie fought five days before this card, winning a close decision in a six-rounder in Ocean Shores, Washington.

Bobby (Duke 'em) Newcomb, 121, won a unanimous decision over Phil (Pepper) Watford, 122, San Diego, six.

Tony Gallo, 240, won a unanimous decision over Arnold Sam, also 240, Carson City, four. Sam, who was fighting for the first time in 19 months, had been denied a license renewal in his homestate, Nevada, before he fought on this card.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Billy Thornberg.
Judges—Paul Weitzel, George Robinson, Ben Laford.
Promoter—Dolores McNally/Sports Attractions, Inc.
Attendance—1,019. Gross—$10,500.
(06-16-83)

▲PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—It was home town night on this McNally card, with the locals mostly in very soft and 36 scheduled rounds ending in a brief 11.

Northwest lightweight champion Guy Villegas, 133, Eugene, took out Jorge Morales, also 133, Mexico City, at 0:50 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Morales, who dropped from 142 to 133 the night before the bout, went down twice in the third and once more in the fourth before the ref called it off.

Alex DeLucia, 179, Portland, put outclassed Malachi Malone, 179, Los Angeles, down twice in the first round, and the referee called a halt as the bell ended the session. It was scheduled for six.

Tony (The Executioner) Thomas, 154, stopped ringwise veteran Rudy Barro, 155, Stockton, on a cut over the left eye in 1:40 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Tony Gallo, 264, Portland, cold-cocked Dean Buser, 206, Denver, Colorado, at 0:34 of the first round in their scheduled six.

The only real match of the night was a last minute affair that replaced a bout that dropped out the night before. Victor Deloney, 151, Seattle, kayoed Sam (Too Sweet) Wilson, 149, Salem, with a right to the chin in 1:43 of the second after Wilson had won the first round. Sam, in fact, was winning right up to the final punch. Scheduled for six.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Billy Thornberg.
Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.
Promoter—Dolores NcNally/Sports Attractions, Inc.
Attendance—986.
(07-28-83)

▲CRESWELL—Emerald Valley Forrest Inn—Eddie Davis, 173, Freeport, Long Island, New York, retained his USBA light heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over determined Dale Grant, 174, Tacoma, Washington, 12.

Davis and Grant both started cold, but Grant warmed up first—staying close and working fast combos that climaxed with uppercuts. Davis picked his moments, rode the flurries in his rocking turtle shell defense, and spent the last 15 seconds of every round pouring on the thunder. Though Grant's chin has been questioned, Dale rallied after heavy bombardments and, with Davis in control from the middle rounds on, made this match a blistering scare flick no matter who you were rooting for. The final scores were 119-115, 119-114, and 118-112.

Northwestern bantamweight champ "Sweet Baby" James Manning, 119, Eugene, Oregon, TKO'd Pedro Rodriguez, 117, Los Angeles, at 2:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Pat Jefferson, 140, Eugene, TKO'd Paul (Bang Bang) Barton,

138, Los Angeles, at 2:37 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Alex DeLucia, 178, Portland, halted Henry Jenkins, also 178, Seattle, at 1:35 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Referees—Phil Moyer, Buzz Buzalsky.
Judges—Jack Batchelor, Lloyd Davis, Don Thomas.
Matchmaker—Rich Danner/S Productions.
(08-24-83)

▲**PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**There was real competition under the chandeliers of the Marriott Ballroom, and the best card in months was seen by the smallest crowd ever to attend a fight show at this site.

Ken Arlt, 214, Portland, won a unanimous decision over Harvey Steichen, 215, Carson City, Nevada, 10. This was their fourth battle.

Tony Gallo, 250, Portland, decked and TKO'd Mike Butler, 201, San Francisco, at 2:51 of the eighth and final round. The ref seemed oblivious to Gallo's multiple low blows, lace scrapings, wrestling, and holding.

Davey Montana, 142, Hamilton, Montana, knocked out Leo Vigil, 138¼, Beaverton, Oregon, in 0:33 of the first round in their scheduled eight.

Donnie Fosmire, 125, Portland, dropped Roland Harmon, 126, Sacramento, three times in the second, which should have stopped the contest under Oregon rules. The referee, however, called the third plunge a slip. Fosmire decked Harmon again in the third round, but a cut over Donnie's left eye—caused by a first round butt—grew worse, and a halt was called at 2:23 of the sixth. Undeserved TKO win for Harmon.

Roberto Nunez, 125, Sacramento, kayoed Bob (Duke 'em) Newcomb, 122, Portland, in 1:27 of the first.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.
Promoter—Dolores McNally.
(08-26-83)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲**CONSHOHOCKEN—McDonald Labor Lyceum—**One of three small clubs in the Philly area returned after a hiatus, and with new publicist Sy Roseman, and the return of hulking heavyweight Mike Garrahan, drew a nearly packed house. Unfortunately, an opponent couldn't be found for Mike, but the fans nevertheless were given a good show. A matchup of two young and winning light heavies had Marvin Mack, 169, S. Phila., won a split call over southpaw James Stills, 175, N. Phila., eight. Stills gave Mack a workout when he could maul inside, but as James tired, he gave Marvin room and allowed him to take command down the stretch. Ref Charlie Sgrillo (38-34) and judge Joe Henry (39-33) voted for Mack, while Carol Polis saw Stills a 37-36 winner.

In scheduled fours: Tommy Barnes, 125½, N. Phila., stopped hard-luck Ira Layton, 127½, Harrisburg, who was covering on the ropes at 2:29 of the third. Jeffrey Hill, 165½, N. Phila., knocked out Charles Pope, 165½, N. Phila., with one left hook in 1:53 of the first. Burt Reed, 188½, N. Phila., kayoed southpaw stiff Charlie Thomas, 180½, N. Phila., who went down twice within 1:24 of the first. These bouts refereed by Rudy Battle.

Rematches of great fights rarely live up to the advance press, but this one did. Leon Fulton, 156, N. Phila., reversed a previous loss by edging out a majority decision over Kenny "The Rabbit" Brown, 147½, W. Phila., in a rock 'em-sock 'em six. Levi Jones (nee Neil Klaric), 155, an Australian now out of N. Phila., beat Mike Grant, 160, N. Phila., by unanimous verdict in a good four. "Wicked" Joe Pickett, 130¼, Phoenixville, gained a majority call over Alfonso Mitchell, 128, N. Phila., six. This one should have been close, but 29-26 votes by judges Polis and Henry again demonstrated a moving boxer can't get a break. Ref Sgrillo (who worked these three bouts) was more on the mark at 27-27.

Promoter/matchmaker—Bob Connelly.
Attendance—700. Gross—$7000 (est.).
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Frank Talent.
(07-07-83)

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—**One of the best shows here, though it produced no upsets, had nearly all the club "heroes" working hard for their wins. In the main go, set for eight, Kerry Judge, 213, Bristol, got a scare from Wiley Jones, 197, Akron. Wiley's jab sliced Kerry's left eye in the first, forcing Judge to open up with a body attack, then a left hook to the chin, to knock out Jones at 1:32 of the second.

Walter Evans Sloan, 159, Bristol, edged hard-luck Mike Grant, 154, Phila., by majority decision in a real war, six.

Nasir Ali, 163½, Frankford, had to come off the floor in the first against Vernon Reed, 162, Pittsburgh. It was anybody's fight until an alleged low blow doubled Reed over in the fifth. He was given a rest, but didn't seem to think it was enough and folded for the count from a left to the body, seemingly for spite, at 0:31 of the sixth and final round.

Mark Frazier, 163½, N. Phila., got a struggle from awkward lefty Darryl Brown, 169½, N. Phila., finally knocking him down and out at 3:09 of the second, scheduled four. Hank Cisco refereed Ali-Reed and Frazier-Brown.

Gregg Edelman, 138½, Merchantville N.J., drubbed a courageous Chris Carney, 138, Mansfield, OH, by unanimous decision, six. Junie Nash, 148, Frankford, circled and countered well to nip a pressuring "Dynamite" Joe Bradford, 153½, N. Phila., by split, but deserved, verdict, six. Only Angel Sindo, 150, Camden, had an "easy" win, a three-knockdown TKO of Ali James Gibson, 147, W. Phila., at 2:48 of the first of four. Joe O'Neil refted these.

Promoter—Joe Verne.
Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco.
Attendance—SRO, 1200. Gross—$10,000 (est.).
Judges—Eddie Woods, Lynn Carter.
Timekeeper—Chas. Cunningham.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(08-25-83)

J.R. JOWETT

▲**PHILADELPHIA—The Spectrum—**The closed circuit telecast of the Aaron Pryor-Alexis Arguello rematch was supported by an entertaining live card that featured two bouts for vacant state titles.

Underdog Jimmy Sykes, 159, Philadelphia, TKO'd previously undefeated Steve Traitz, 160, Trooper, at 2:24 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12. Traitz dominated the first two rounds, catching Sykes repeatedly with stinging counters as Jimmy bore in. Sykes began to connect as the third round drew to a close and both men traded punches after the bell.

Traitz wobbled Sykes early in the fourth, but was suddenly nailed by a leaping, overhand right as he sought to press his advantage. Traitz was practically paralyzed by the punch and fell forward, face-first. Steve managed to beat referee Frank Cappuccino's count, but was soon trapped on the ropes and hammered down again by a flurry of heavy blows. He was completely out of it and the fight was stopped without another count.

It was a big win for Sykes (now 12-4-1) and a bitter disappointment for Traitz, who fell to 16-1 (15 kayoes). It had been hoped that Traitz would help bring back live boxing to Philly, but, despite a large group of cheering fans, he couldn't cut the mustard.

Sykes is now the Pennsylvania middleweight champion. The title became vacant when Bennie Briscoe retired earlier this year.

In another scheduled 12, for the Pennsylvania junior middleweight crown, Willie (The Rock) Harris, 153, Eagleville, Pa., TKO'd Steve Michalerya, 152, Allentown, at 2:14 of the first round. Michalerya hurt Harris in the opening moments of the fight, but Willie roared back with a series of left hooks to the head, dropping Steve in a neutral corner. Referee Charles Sgrillo immediately stopped the fight without giving Michalerya the benefit of a count. This led to an uproar, as the loser and his camp protested vigorously. Sgrillo's actions did look a bit premature and even the pro-Harris crowd booed.

Harris upped his record to 14-0 (11 kayoes), while Michelerya dropped to 18-13. A rematch would be an excellent idea because of the controversial ending.

Frank Montgomery, 141, Phila., TKO'd veteran Sam Hailstock, 148, Allentown, at 2:31 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Hailstock was down twice in the fourth before referee Sgrillo called a halt. The undefeated Montgomery raised his record to 8-0 (four kayoes).

Rich Schoenberger, 208, Trooper, dispatched easy mark Al Fuggs, 185, Phila., in 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee, Cappuccino.

Juan Marquez, 134½, Warminster, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Derrick Swinney, 137, Clementon, N.J., four. This was a real wild affair, with Swinney going down in the first and second and Marquez taking an eight-count in the third. Referee, Sgrillo.

Promoter—Joe Hand.
Attendance—7,000 (est.)
(09-09-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

TEXAS

▲**FORT WORTH—Guys & Dolls Club—**A cheap club show, bankrolled by local managers David Gorman and Tom Martin using Lester Bedford's promotional license, saw, for the most part, "home guys" win over weak competition. One particularly fine scrap featured Steve Cruz winning a unanimous decision over gamester Reymundo Garza, Harlingen, eight.
(07-15-83)

▲**HOUSTON—Casino Ballroom—**Jose Pacheco, 151½, Houston, knocked out Paco Balderas, 152, Chihuahua, in 1:33 of the third round in the main event of a show promoted by Rafael Acosta and bankrolled by manager Hector Rocha and some cohorts. Another small developmental show with low purses and little publicity.
(07-15-83)

▲**DALLAS—Fair Park Coliseum—**This was promoter Joe Costello's first show, with local manager Winky Groom making the matches.

James Kinchen stopped Jose Mireles with a right in 0:44 of the first session. Ray Jones, Bob Green, John Green, Dave Cherry, and some young fighters from Tyler—where Costello owns a senior citizens home—were impressive.

WBC chief Jose Sulaiman was among those in attendance at the weigh-in, but he reportedly failed to show at the fights. This led to speculation that he might have gotten lost in the countryside around Dallas searching for artifacts.

Attendance—319. Gross —$3,866.
(07-16-83)

▲**BEAUMONT—Civic Center—**It's time for local middleweight contender Wilford Scypion to either fish or cut bait. The world ranked slugger, making his initial outing since his loss to Marvin Hagler, looked poorly conditioned and appeared not to be in a good mental state as he lost, via TKO, to unheralded LeRoy Hester of Miami. (The stoppage came at 0:45 of the 10th round, not the ninth as stated on the Texas State Commission's results mail-out.)

Scypion, a rather pudgy 164¾, started quickly, throwing lefts like Steve Carlton and rights like Nolan Ryan—very hard, but sweeping punches thrown with an exaggerated windup. Wilford won the first three rounds on most observers' scorecards, but Hester was able to beat him to the punch with sharp jabs inside. It was obvious that Hester might be a bit more than Scypion had bargained for.

Hester decked Scypion with a wild overhand right at the beginning of the 10th. Upon arising, Wilford literally ran backwards around the ring, seemingly in a state of panic. When Hester cornered Scypion in the latter's corner and began giving him the proverbial "leather shampoo," the localite turned his back on his opponent and stuck the upper part of his body through the ropes in an attempt to avoid getting punched any further. Such an obvious act of surrender left referee Mark Tessman no other choice but to stop the bout.

As this reporter and a couple of other members of the press brigade were leaving after the show, they came upon Scypion, obviously disturbed and clad only in his dress pants and yellow boxing shoes, re-entering the building after taking a walk. It is just the kind of soul-searching Wilford needs to do if he is to regain his place near the top of the middleweight ranks.

James Pipps, 121, Vidor, TKO'd Angel Lira, 123, Laredo, who was unable to answer the bell due to a cut over his left eye. Pipps dominated from the outset, as Lira did little except bounce around at arm's length and snarl.

Mike Phelps, 114½, Lumberton, won a majority decision over Reuven Chiaverria, 118, San Antonio, four. Phelps, no longer billed as "Schoolboy," as he recently graduated from Lumberton High, was just too quick for Chiaverria.

Lee Sanders, 155¼, Orange, TKO'd Erasmo Mendiola, 156, San Antonio, at 1:51 of the fourth.

Mickey Pryor, 210, Fort Worth, kayoed Teddy (Teddie Bear) Lopez, 206, Vidor, in 1:02 of the first.

Joe Pipps, 148, Vidor, won a unanimous decision over Marcos Romero, 148½, Houston, four.

Farrain Comeaux, 130, Nederland, won a unanimous decision over Jose Martinez, 131, San Antonio, four.

Othel (Choo-Choo) Dixon, 142½, Beaumont, stopped terrible Marvin Freeman, 139¼, Port Arthur, at 2:57 of the first. It was the only bad match on the card.

Referees—Mark Tessman, Paul Prejean.
Judges—Manny Hernandez, Robert Martin.
Timekeeper—Tommy Ferris.
Knockdown Timer—Frank Martinez.
Promoters—Pat Norville, Paul Jorgenson.
Matchmaker—Hernan Hernandez.
Attendance—1,633. Gross—$17,446.
(08-05-83)

▲**HOUSTON—Astro-Arena—**Harold Petty, 118, Fort Worth, retained his NABF bantamweight title with a relatively easy unanimous decision over Mexican national champion Daniel Zaragoza, 117¾, 12.

Gene Hatcher, 142, Fort Worth, kayoed tough but badly outgunned Luis Valle (AKA "Puma Rivera"), Houston via Mexicali, in 1:41 of the fifth.

Tommy (Mad Dog) Smith, 153½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over iron jawed veteran Jose Pacheco, 153, Houston, eight.

"Ezzard" Charles Adams, 134, Galveston, won a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Luke Lecce, also 134, Pittsburgh, eight.

Milton Jarrells, 177½, Houston, stopped old-timer Al Bolden, 176, Pittsburgh, at 1:03 of the sixth. Bolden seemed a bit ahead, but ran into an accidental elbow and sustained a cut over his right eye. A half dozen or so sutures were needed to close the wound.

This show was to have featured the pro debut of renowned amateur lightweight Cedric Rose of Dallas, who has recently come under the sponsorship of the Houston Boxing Association. Cedric, however, was reduced to watching from the audience when his scheduled adversary, one "Pancho Reyna" (believed to be the same as Jose Reyna—a local prelim loser with a recoed of about 0-5), was not released from jail in time to make the official weigh-in.

Referees—Mark Tessman, Barry Yeats.
Judges—Terry Daniels, Henry Harris, David McCullough.
Timekeeper—Tom Ferris.
Knockdown Timer—Jack Joerns.
Promoters—Houston Boxing Assn.
Matchmaker—Tony Gardner.
Attendance—1,648. Gross—$32,770.
(08-08-83)

▲**HOUSTON—Sam Houston Coliseum—**Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 136¼, Mexico City, won a unanimous decision over James Martinez, also 136¼, Dallas, 10.

Hilario (Lalo) Cappatello, 154¼, Eagle Pass, one of this part of the country's best kept secrets, halted previously unbeaten Bobby McCorvey, 154½, Fort Worth, who retired between rounds one and two. McCorvey had been decked twice and was severely cut over the left eye.

Freddie Guzman, 175, Fort Worth, TKO'd Tony Oville, 175¾, Port Arthur, who was unable to answer the bell for round five.

Jerry Stoner, 140½, Houston, kayoed inept Juanito Rodriguez, 137, Eagle Pass, in 2:30 of the second.

Anthony Releford, 151, Fort Worth, knocked out old-timer Chato Ramos, 154, Odessa, with a blistering overhand right in 0:41 of the second.

Rafael Ortiz, 142¼, Houston, won a unanimous decision over hard luck Reggie Dixon, 138¾, Port Arthur, six. Ortiz, a fine prospect recently relocated here from Puerto Rico, also boxes under the name "Kiko Cordero."

Referees—Mark Tessman, Bob Martin.
Judges—Roy Auld, Dave McCullough, Terry Daniels.
Timekeeper—Tom Ferris.
Knockdown Timer—Bill Yeager.
Promoter—Lester Bedford, Rafael Acosta.
Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison.
Attendance—349. Gross—$4,750.
(07-26-83)

▲**FORT WORTH—Billy Bob's—**Jay Strickland, 175, Fort Worth, won a unanimous decision over Al Rankin, 173, Kansas, 10.

Anthony Releford, 146, Fort Worth, stopped Oscar (Lefty) Saucedo, 148, Laredo, at 2:50 of round three.

Freddie Guzman, 179, Fort Worth, kayoed James Churn, 183, Illinois, in 1:49 of the first round.

Ford Jennings, 141, Fort Worth, TKO'd Frankie Govea, 136, San Antonio, at 1:48 of round six.

Mickey Pryor, 209, Ranger, halted Willie Albritton, 210, Mississippi, at 2:07 of round four.

Promoter—Lester Bedford.
Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison.
Attendance—775.
(08-23-83)

▲**MC ALLEN—Casa de Armistad—**Mario (Polvorito) Gonzales, 112, Reynosa, halted short Javier Diaz, 111, Eagle Pass, at 1:11 of round eight.

Efren Olivo, 141½, Harlingen, stopped Hector (Soldado) Perez, 139, Matamoras, at 2:06 of round three.

Ignacio Zavala, 159½, McAllen, stopped old-timer Juan Elizondo, 165, Mexicali, at 2:48 of the first.

Rey Garza, 134½, Harlingen, won a unanimous decision over Jose Luis Escalante, 135, Mexicali, eight.

Promoter—Mario Saldivar.
Attendance—537.
(08-25-83)

CANADIAN RATINGS
BY THE CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Halifax)
1. Gord Racette (Nanaimo)
2. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
3. Conroy Nelson (Ottawa)
4. Razor Ruddock (Toronto)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Don LaLonde (Winnipeg)
1. Don Hurtle (Toronto)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)
3. Roddie MacDonald (Toronto)
4. Jimmy Gradson (Toronto)
5. Danny Vandal (Winnipeg)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Vacant
1. Alex Hilton (Montreal)
2. Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg)
3. Deano Clavet (LaSalle)
4. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Vancouver)
5. John Griffin (Toronto)
6. Dean Ferguson (Windsor)
7. Gerry Reddick (Edmonton)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mario Cusson (Montreal)
1. Dave Hilton (Montreal)
2. Donnie Poole (Toronto)
3. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
4. David Dusang (Winnipeg)
5. Laurie Mann (Prince George)
6. Matthew Hilton (Montreal)
7. LeRoy Pink (Toronto)
8. Sugar Marsh (Toronto)
9. John Herbert (Vancouver)
10. Clint Harris (Windsor)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
1. Nick Furlano (Toronto)
2. Pierre Huneault (Hull)
3. Gaetan Hart (Buckingham)
4. John Summerhays (Brantford)
5. Felix Vanderpool (Kitchener)
6. Kenny Smith (Windsor)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Salvatore (Montreal)
1. Nedrae Simmons (Toronto)
2. Paul Stewart (Scarborough)
3. Leonard Pinnock (Montreal)

▲IRVING—Promoter Joe Costello's second show featured hard hitting Don Lee, 163, Milwaukee, stopping local in-and-outer Norris McKinney at 1:33 of the first. Lee is a fine prospect, but what does he mean to the gate in the Dallas area? Not too much, apparently. Only 222 fans bought tickets.
(08-26-83)

▲HOUSTON—Esquire Ballroom—Hard hitting Gary Simons, 135, who is rapidly becoming the house favorite, rallied and stopped hard luck Reggie Dixon, 132, Port Arthur, at 2:32 of the seventh. Dixon has a record of about 2-12-1, but may be the best fighter of that grade around today. He usually loses on the other fellow's turf to a fairly good calibre of fighter.

Rafael Ortiz (AKA Kiki Cordero) halted pudgy Marcos Romero in a bout between two local welters.

Dennis Benjamin, 145, outscored Clarence (Moose) McFarland, also 145, six.

Ralphe Simms, 132¼, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Willie Daw, 132, Port Arthur, four.

Billy Clear, 188, Houston, halted Anthony Garner, 179, Houston, at 1:47 of the first.

Debuting Gilbert Antoine, 129, Port Arthur, halted Willie Boyd, also 129, Houston, at 1:03 of round two.

Promoter—Bill Pye.
Matchmaker—John English.
Attendance—347.
(08-30-83) C.A. JACKSON

VIRGINIA

▲TYSONS CORNER—Westpark Hotel—The last time local favorite, Scott (The Manassas Mauler) Farmer, fought at the Westpark, he was destroyed by Darryl Richardson in a fight that caused a near riot, leading to altercations inside and out of the ring.

Tonight, many of Farmer's aggressive fans were blaming the last fight on the referee instead of Richardson's fists.

Farmer returned to the ring as a welterweight, 143, and faced regular loser Stan McDougal, 138, Philadelphia, Pa. in a six-rounder.

McDougal, usually a fast starter, put Farmer down in the first. Farmer led throughout the second round until he was decked by a left hook to the head. He rallied to take the third, but had a point taken away in the fourth for a low blow.

The two men engaged in a brutal slugfest in the final two rounds with McDougal being badly bloodied all about his face.

With the two knockdowns in separate rounds plus the fourth round point deduction, this reporter had Farmer losing by four points despite the closeness of the battle. But, fearing a possible explosion from the crowd, two of the three judges saw Farmer through with the decision. A rematch would be welcome.

In the main event, Mike Baker, 161, Olympia Boxing Center, and Robert "Jack of Hearts" Jackson, 161, Hampton, Va., fought to a clinch-filled draw, 10. Baker showed little aggression or his usual accurate punching. Baker is now 46-15-2. Jackson is 16-12-1.

Tony (The Witch Doctor) Ojo, 153, OBC, knocked out late sub Richard Moore, 154, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2:24 of the second round.

Moore fought in tennis sneakers and blood stained trunks from one of the previous fighters. Scheduled for six.

Ivory Teague, 162, Washington, D.C., made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Robert Thomas, 157, Philadelphia, Pa., four.

"Irish" Mike James, 143, OBC, regularly a very tough eight and ten round fighter, took a four and was upset by Earnest Perry, 148, Hampton, Va., in a fast paced split decision.

In the opener, Keely (Poochie) Thompson, 123, Washington, D.C., decisioned Hardie Coffee, 121, Chesapeake, Va. four. Thompson scored a knockdown in the second.

Referee—Chris Wollesen.
Judges—Julian Whitestone, Mike Vaughn, Doug Beavers.
Promoter—Jim Ed Jones.
Physicians—Dr. Hoffler, Dr. Justice.
Ring Announcer—Larry Zabel.
(08-16-83) JOHN SCHEINMAN

WASHINGTON

▲OCEAN SHORES—Convention Center—Former heavyweight boxer Ibar Arrington, having abandoned a recent comeback, made his debut as a promoter with a small but enthusiastic crowd—about 400—cheering him on.

Leo Vigil, 143, Portland, TKO'd Jesse Toro, 147, Seattle, in the eighth round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Jim Huston, 201, Shelton, Washington, TKO'd Curtis Wilkins, 183, in the first round.

Bruce Dowers, 194, Gresham, Oregon, outscored Ronnie Carter, 214¼, Seattle, six.

Ernie Greenwood, 227, Seattle, TKO'd Jerry Timbs, 205, Rogue River, in the third round of a scheduled four.

Billy Minnix, 160, Seatle, won a close decision over the accurate jab of Macadoo Wheaton, 160, Seattle, six.

Referees—Pat McMurtry, James Reilly.
Judges—Tom McDonough and the alternate ref.
(06-11-83)

▲SEATTLE—Eagles Club—Doug Holima, 158, Portland, Oregon, won a split decision over Noe Ramirez, 156½, Seattle, 10. The decision is being examined by the Washington Commission.

Colorful DeWayne (Chain Saw) Jamison, 159, Tacoma, brought a chain saw into the ring and cranked it up during the introductions. This grandstanding delighted the crowd, and may have affected opponent Lamont Santanas' frame of mind. Jamison TKO'd Santanas, 164½, in the fifth round of their scheduled six.

Carl Owens, 145, Seattle, won a unanimous decision over Don Oversby, 147, Everett, six.

Jimi Johnson, 150, won a split decision over Herb Johnson, 152, Seattle, four. Johnson came back from a knockdown, and the bout was close.

Referees—Jack Abelman, Jimmy McGee.
Judges—Loren Marshall, Billy Kydd.
Promoter—Charles Bugni/Dominico Promotions.
Attendance—200.
(07-21-83)

▲VANCOUVER—Hudson Bay High School—Postponements and confusion surrounded promoter Thad Spencer's debut card here. The financial backers jumped ship at the last minute, and only 150 fans found their way to the unadvertised card. All the fighters took big pay cuts so the show could go on.

James Williams, 171, Portland, Oregon, won a unanimous decision over veteran Rudy Robles, 183, 10.

Herb Johnson, 148, Seattle, flattened Curtis Grecco, 150, for the count in 2:00 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Dale Dorsett, 143, Kelso, Wash., TKO'd Jim Nagel, 151, at 2:07 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder.

Mike Urwin, 168½, Gresham, Oregon, put Dan Murray, 157, down three times before the ref stepped in at 2:30 of the third round in another scheduled four. Murray fractured a bone in his hand.

Referees—Jimmy McGee, Jim Riley.
Judges—Tom McDonough and alternate ref.
Gross—$1,000 (estimated).
(09-03-83) KATHERINE DUNN

CANADA

MANITOBA

▲WINNIPEG—Convention Centre—Four bouts and a kick boxing match made up the card.

David Dusang, 144, Winnipeg, won a unanimous decision over Sugar Marsh, also 144, Toronto, eight.

Dan Vandal, 162¼, Winnipeg, stopped Jeff Farley, 161½, Minneapolis, at 1:02 of the fifth round in their scheduled eight.

Daryl Anthony, 149½, St. Paul, stopped Charles Minty, 154¼, Winnipeg, at 0:30 of the fourth round in another scheduled eight.

Dan Pruden, 139, Winnipeg, halted Bob Smith, St. Paul, at 1:58 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Referees—Art Wellby, Al Sparks, Mike Pastrack, Virgil Broodhagen.
Judges—Ed St. Mars, John Roberts, Percy Haynes.
Ring Announcer—Don Kirton.
Ringside Physician—Norman Hill, M.D.
World Boxing Promotion.
(08-25-83) FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲LA PAZ—Mauricio Beltran kayoed Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 125.
(07-08-83)

▲TIJUANA—Felipe Vaca, 147, TKO's Rafael Nunez, also 147, in the seventh round to retain his Mexican welterweight title.
(07-18-83)

CHIAPAS

▲TAPACHULA—Arturo Bautista, 135, TKO'd Chiapaneco Garcia, also 135, in four. Fernando Barrera, 125, TKO'd Michael Bermudez, 124, in five. Erasmo Arreola, 118, TKO'd Memo Molina, 117, in five. German Vasquez, 114, TKO'd Costeno Mendoza, 114, in two.
(07-15-83)

CHIHUAHUA

▲CIUDAD JUAREZ—Ramon Ronquillo, 192, knocked out Javier (Chavelo) Lopez, 194, in the fourth round. Alfonso (Buho) Rodriguez, 119, outpointed Nico Perez, 120, 10. Santos (Apache) Moreno, 125, iced Jorge Morales, also 125, in the first. Ramon Flores, 118, halted Monje Ortiz, 119, in three. Pascualito Lopez, 108, kayoed Danny Guevara, 109, in two.
(07-15-83)

▲CIUDAD JUAREZ—Abraham (Yaqui) Meneses, 191, chilled Eusebio (Chebo) Hernandez, 199, in three. Ray Azteca, 148, bombed out Armando (Lobo) Larios, 146, in one. Rocky Alvarado, 111, demolished Lobo Lozano, 112, in one.
(07-22-83)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲MEXICO CITY—Armando (Toro) Cordoba, 112, TKO'd Alejandro Flores, also 112, in five. Jose Pineda, 117, TKO'd Fidel Martinez 118, in four. Jaime Lara, 124, outpointed Ruben Lira, also 124, eight. Antonio Diaz, 136, won by a disqualification over Lupe Hernandez, 134, in two. Oscar Martinez, 125, outscored Ricardo Alonso, 126, four.
(07-16-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Veteran Leoncio Ortiz, 133, and Cayetano Correa, 134, drew, 10. Serafin Pacheco, 120, stiffened Victor Moreno, also 120, in the third round. Francisco Ortiz, 117, TKO'd Miguel Aviles, 118, in five. Cuco Alvarado, 125, kayoed Bonfilio Garcia, 126, in one. Oliverio Ojeda, 135, TKO'd Raul Perez, also 135, in three.
(07-23-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Ramon Jimenez, 118, TKO'd Antonio Alvarez, 119, in four. Agustin Macias, 108, TKO'd Gerardo (Gatito) Gonzalez, 109, in two. Nicolas Reyes, 116, TKO'd Herminio Hernandez, 116, in one. Jose Herrera, 119, TKO'd Norberto Bueno, 118, in two. Ricardo Rico, 118, TKO'd Javier Roman, 117, in one.
(07-28-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Promising Babe Luis, 108, TKO'd Filiberto (Macanas) Gonzalez, also 108, in eight. Noe Gonzalez, 124, outscored Mario Alberto Rodriguez, also 124, eight. Joel Segura, 119, TKO'd Memo Oliva, 118, in seven. Bruno Luevano, 108, outscored Herminio Ramirez, also 108, six. Jose Escamilla, 121, TKO'd Ignacio Madrid, 122, in one.
(07-30-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Jorge Ramirez, 119, outpointed Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 118, 10. Eugenio Morgan, 118, halted Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, also 118, in two. Hector Cid, 135, flattened Juan Camacho, 136, in two. Valente Flores, 111, stopped Arturo Mendoza, 112, in three. Jose Luis Bautista, 117, trimmed Abraham Martinez, 118, six.
(07-30-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Arturo Mujica, 111, won by a disqualification over Bernardo (Batallador) Ibarra, 112, in four. Rudy Perez, 118, TKO'd Santiago Perez, 117, in four. Jose Luis Garrido, 125, TKO'd Obed Najera, 126, in three. Albino Moranchel, 128, TKO'd Enrique Hernandez, 127, in five. Martin Reyes, 108, outpointed Sergio Aquino, also 108, four.
(08-03-83)

GUERRERO

▲ACAPULCO—Miguel Angel (Huracan) Juarez, 118, halted Oscar Burgos, also 118, in seven. Cuchillo Mayora, 124, polished off Beto Valle, 125, in one.
(07-08-83)

▲ACAPULCO—Juan Manuel Rios, 108, outscored Hilario Duran, 109, 10. Carlos Rezago, 123, won by a disqualification over Agustin Cardenas, 124, in seven. Macario Santos, 110, kayoed Angel Rios, 109, in one. Bernardo Sandoval, 114, outpointed Alberto Lubio, also 114, four. Rey Cisneros, 110, outscored Enrique Perez, also 110, four.
(07-15-83)

▲ACAPULCO—Nicolas Herrera, 147, won by a disqualification over Alberto Figueroa, also 147, in nine to win the Guerrero State welterweight title. Guillermo Flores, 108, destroyed Ney Hernandez, also 108, in two. Enedino Aguilar, 110, outscored Lupe Silverio, 111, six. Gino Anorde, 117, won by a disqualification over Rufino Acevedo, 118, in two. Ariel Castrejon, 115, outscored Francisco Ruiz, also 115, four.
(07-22-83)

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS (AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
3. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
4. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
5. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
6. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
7. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
8. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
9. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
10. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
11. Hector Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)
12. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
13. Jose Luis Gonzalez (Mexico)
14. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
15. Juan Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
16. Candido Barrera (Argentina)
17. Hugo Ruffino (Argentina)
18. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)
19. Aldo Montes (Mexico)
20. Arturo Diaz (Mexico)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
2. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
3. Jose Maria Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
4. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
5. Cesar Romero (Argentina)
6. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
7. Pablo Ramos (Puerto Rico)
8. Lorenzo Benitez (Mexico)
9. Miguel Cea (Chile)
10. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
11. Carlos Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
12. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
13. Juan Carlos Fernandez (Argentina)
14. Euclides Valdez (Dominican Republic)
15. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
16. Pedro Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
17. David Cabrera (Mexico)
18. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)
19. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
20. Angel Salinas (Argentina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Domingo Roldan (Argentina)
2. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
3. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
4. Norberto Sabater (Puerto Rico)
5. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
6. Andres Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
8. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
9. Jorge Valentinuzzi (Argentina)
10. Nestor Flores (Panama)
11. Manuel Melon (Puerto Rico)
12. Antonio Leyva (Mexico)
13. Angel Caro (Argentina)
14. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
15. Jose Duarte (Mexico)
16. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)
17. Sigfredo Colorado (Colombia)
18. Abel Cordoba (Mexico)
19. Pedro Diaz (Mexico)
20. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco de Jesus (Brazil)
3. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
4. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
5. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
6. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
7. Jorge Medina (Argentina)
8. Luis Bazan (Argentina)
9. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
10. Ricardo Carballo (Argentina)
11. Walter Gomez (Argentina)
12. Mario Mathysse (Argentina)
13. Jose Santana (Puerto Rico)
14. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
15. Hector Hernandez (Chile)
16. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
17. Carlos Velasquez (Argentina)
18. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
19. Julio Sanchez (Argentina)
20. Jose Vallejo (Dominican Republic)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Elio Omar Diaz (Venezuela)
2. Mauricio Bravo (Venezuela)
3. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
4. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
5. Fernando Castro (Peru)
6. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
8. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
9. Juan Rondon (Venezuela)
10. Hugo Quartapelle (Argentina)
11. Jorge Mojica (Puerto Rico)
12. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
13. Luis Suarez (Argentina)
14. Osmar Ochoa (Argentina)
15. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
16. Jose Joaquin Baret (Dom. Rep.)
17. Carlos Prieto (Argentina)
18. Felipe Vaca (Mexico)
19. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
20. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Alexis Arguello (Nicaragua)
2. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
3. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Republic)
4. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
5. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)
6. Juan Jose Gimenez (Argentina)
7. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (Dominican Republic)
8. Felix Reyes (Dominican Republic)
9. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Rep.)
10. Antonio Cervantes (Colombia)
11. Guillermo Fernandez (Venezuela)
12. Agustin Caballero (Panama)
13. Ruben Verdun (Argentina)
14. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Republic)
15. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
16. Martin Rojas (Colombia)
17. Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
18. Jose Angulo (Colombia)
19. Alfredo Estrada (Peru)
20. Villaney Ruiz (Costa Rica)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
3. Orlando Romero (Peru)
4. Ildemar Paisan (Venezuela)
5. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
6. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
7. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
8. Juan Arroyo (Puerto Rico)
9. Irleis Perez (Cuba)
10. Pedro Laza (Cuba)
11. Rafael Williams (Panama)
12. Jose Ramon Cotua (Venezuela)
13. Rudy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
14. Oscar Arnal (Venezuela)
15. Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
16. Ezequiel Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
17. Ricardo Peralta (Mexico)
18. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
19. Jose Luis Castillo (Mexico)
20. Ernesto Espana (Venezuela)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
2. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
4. Eduardo Prieto (Chile)
5. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
6. Jose Vidal (Dominican Republic)
7. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
8. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
9. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
10. Roberto Pineiro (Puerto Rico)
11. Gustavo de la Cruz (Dominican Republic)
12. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
13. Wilson Arias (Colombia)
14. Pedro Armando Gutierrez (Arg.)
15. Carlos Olivera (Argentina)
16. Juan Manriquez Garrido (Chile)
17. Alfredo Paiva (Venezuela)
18. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)
19. Francisco Tomas da Cruz (Brazil)
20. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Republic)
3. Angel Levy Mayor (Venezuela)
4. Jose Caba (Dominican Republic)
5. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
6. Hector Cortez (Ecuador)
7. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
8. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
9. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
10. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
11. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
12. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
13. Idabeh Rojas (Colombia)
14. Juvenal Lorca Ordenes (Chile)
15. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)
16. Reyes Gonzales (Mexico)
17. Pascual Patterson (Panama)
18. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
19. Victor Torres (Peru)
20. Jose Mario Lopez (Argentina)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
6. Eduardo Chavez (Argentina)
7. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
8. Sergio Victor Palma (Argentina)
9. Bernardino Pinango (Venezuela)
10. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
11. Carmelo Negron (Puerto Rico)
12. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
13. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
14. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
15. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
16. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)
17. Leonardo Valdez (Mexico)
18. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
19. Juan Araneda Bazan (Chile)
20. Jefferson Gomez (Colombia)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
2. Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
3. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
5. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
6. Jose Rufino Narvaez (Argentina)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
9. Milton Torres (Puerto Rico)
10. Benito Badilla (Chile)
11. Juan Carlos Cortez (Argentina)
12. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
13. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
14. Luis Gerez (Argentina)
15. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)
16. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
17. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
18. Oscar Flores (Argentina)
19. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
20. Celso Chavez (Panama)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
2. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
3. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
4. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dom. Rep.)
5. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
6. German Torres (Mexico)
7. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
8. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
9. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
10. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
11. Juan Diaz (Mexico)
12. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
13. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
14. Ramon Antonio Nery (Dom. Rep.)
15. Mario Gonzalez (Mexico)
16. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
17. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
18. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
19. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
20. Eusebio Espinal (Dom. Rep.)

NUEVO LEON

▲MONTERREY—Gerardo Derbez, 148, TKO'd Alberto Lopez, 147, in six.
(07-29-83)

SINALOA

▲CULIACAN—Julio Cesar Chavez, 135, TKO'd Benny Abarca, also 135, in five. Rafael (Borrego) Chavez, 125, TKO'd Luciano Sandoval, also 125, in three. Rodolfo Chavez, 136, TKO'd Jaime Jimenez, 135, in four.
(07-15-83)

▲MAZATLAN—Lorenzo (Yaqui) Benitez, 176, outpointed Julio Cruz, 178, 12, to retain his Mexican light heavyweight title. Gil Canchola, 145, TKO'd Chucho de la Cruz, 146, in six. Jose Angel Villasana, 146, won by a disqualification over Alberto Ruelas, 147, in the first round. Joel Meza, 117, kayoed Pedro Gamboa, 118, in two.
(07-17-83)

▲MAZATLAN—Miguel Angel (Baldo) Gonzalez, 119, won by a disqualification over Venancio Rosas, 117, in nine. Raul (Papayo) Valdez, 125, iced Betillo Agosto, 124, in one. Ruben Villamar, 119, TKO'd Ranulfo Cardona, 118, in two. Roberto Sandoval, 126, TKO'd Armando (Seco) Luna, 125, in six.
(07-29-83)

EDUARDO AMER G.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—Late sub Carlos Flores Burlon, 170½, Uruguay, won the Latin American Boxing Federation light heavyweight title by stopping Miguel Cea, 174½, the defending champ, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12.

Steve Assoon, 136, Trinidad, won a close decision over Aungus Alleyne, 134, Barbados, 10.

Ashton Antoine, 175, Princess Town, South Trinidad, TKO'd Curtis Miller, 164½, Barbados, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Eric Williams, 142, Marabella, South Trinidad, won an unpopular majority decision over Desmond Seaton, 143, Port of Spain, six. Scoring: referee Lawrence Assam, 29-27; judge St. Aude, 28-28; Tommy Thomas, 28-27.
(07-30-83)

▲PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—Patricio Diaz, 154, retained his Latin American Boxing Federation junior middleweight title with a split decision over David Noel, 153, the champion of Trinidad and Tobago, 12. Scoring: referee Roberto Ramirez (Puerto Rico), 116-112, Noel; judge Julio Rondón (Venezuela), 118-116, Diaz; judge Carlos Sucre (Venezuela), 118-114, Diaz.

Tyronne Downes, 129, Trinidad, won the vacant FECARBOX (Central American and Caribbean Boxing Federation) junior lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over southpaw Geronimo Luquez, 130, Argentina, 12. Scoring: referee Roberto Ramirez, 117-112; judge Julio Rondon, 119-113; judge Carlos Sucre, 119-112.

Anthony Wanza, 131, outscored Waldron Brooks, 135, eight. Brooks was decked in the fourth session. George Cumberbatch, referee.

Verlo Liverpool, 132¼, won a unanimous decision over Martin Julius, 134¼, six.

Joseph Charles, 142½, TKO'd Waltz Bishop, 143½, at 1:05 of the first round. Bishop was floored and, unfortunately, was not given the mandatory eight-count by ref Hollis Wilson.
(08-19-83)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▲SANTA MARTA—Former WBC flyweight champion Prudencio Cardona TKO'd Agustin Hirio in the third round.

Local junior featherweight Carlos Vega iced Santander Vargas in the first.

Juan Poloperez stopped Rafael Julio in the fifth round, flyweights.

Marcos Segovia TKO'd Alfonso Chamorro in six, junior bantams.
(06-02-83)

▲BARRANQUILLA—Raul Diaz retained his Colombian junior bantamweight crown by stopping Joaquin Caraballo.

Daniel Blanco, Colombia, TKO'd Modesto Gomez, Nicaragua, in the fifth round, bantams.

Jorge Acosta outscored Jaime Polo, bantamweights.

Rafael Martinez TKO'd Ramiro Agressott in five, feathers.

Local flyweight Alfredo Gomez TKO'd Onofre Valiente in the fifth.
(06-03-83)

▲CARTAGENA—Francisco Alvarez retained his Colombian bantamweight title by outpointing Homer Meza, 10.

Colombian junior lightweight champion Wilson Arias outscored Victor Pacheco, 10.

Sergio Alvarez outpointed Simon Ramos, 10, junior welters.

Jose Cervantes and Alvaro Narvaez drew, 10, featherweights.

Albeiro Arboleda outscored Baltazar Zuniga, four, bantams.

Gustavo Castrillon outpointed Gustavo Rodriguez, six, lights.
(06-09-83)

▲SINCELEJO—Manuel Julio outpointed Tony Nisperuza, 10, junior feathers.

Alberto Castro outscored Jorge Lugo, eight, bantams.

Eduardo Laguna kayoed Felipe Angulo in the third round, junior feathers.

Rodolfo Blanco outscored Jaime Paternina, six, flyweights.
(06-16-83)

▲CARTAGENA—Juan Poloperez TKO'd Wilfrido Ruiz in nine to win the Colombian flyweight title.

Agustin Garcia retained his Colombian junior fly crown by outpointing Nelson Polanco, 10.

Saul Julio TKO'd Luis Godoy in two, lights.

Robinson Herrera outscored Luis Miranda, eight, feathers.

Jose Iriarte TKO'd Manual Julio in two, junior flies.
(06-18-83)

▲CARTAGENA—Jose (Pambelecito) Cervantes knocked out Ruben Dario Palacios in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round junior featherweight contest in the Cartagena de Indias Bull Ring. Jose is the brother of Antonio.

Local flyweight Oscar Bolivar outpointed Jose Manuel Luna, Mexico, 10.

Saul Julio, Colombia, halted Johnny Brado, Venezuela, who was unable to answer the bell for the second round. Julio, a bantam, is unbeaten in 10 bouts.

Kadir Prada and Pablo Padilla drew, four, bantams.

Antonio Miranda TKO'd Arnold Sarmiento in the second, featherweights.
(07-15-83)

▲**CARTAGENA**—Former world junior welterweight champion Antonio Cervantes halted Sergio Alvarez, who was unable to answer the bell for the 11th round of a scheduled 12-round bout. Cervantes was floored by a left hook in the sixth round. Alvarez was knocked down in the 10th.

Victor Pacheco won the Colombian junior lightweight title by outpointing Marcelino Genes, 10.

Francisco Alvarez outpointed Pedro Barrera, 10.

Manuel Salgado and Baltazar Zugiga drew, four, bantamweights.

Kadir Prada and Pablo Padilla drew, six, bantams.
(07-30-83)

▲**SINCELEJO**—Miguel (Happy) Lora kayoed Jose Salazar, Cartagena in the third round of a non-title bout. Lora is the American Inter-Continental bantamweight champion.

Alberto Castro got off the canvas in the third to kayo Manuel Ariza, Barranquilla, in the fifth.

Rodolfo Blanco TKO'd Manuel Julio, Cartagena, in the fifth round, junior flyweights.
(07-30-83) LUIS A. GONZALEZ

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▲**MARIA WORTH**—Ferdinand Pachler and German light middleweight champion Jean-Andre Emmerich drew, eight.
(08-05-83)

▲**GOLS**—Austrian middleweight champion Franz Dorfer had to climb off the floor in the first round on the way to a victory over tough Italian Benedetto Gravina. Dorfer won when Gravina was too badly cut to continue in round four.

Austrian lightweight champion Manfred Findenig earned a well deserved points victory after eight rounds against the experienced Chilean, Santiago Alvarez.

A third Austrian champion, super welterweight Edip Secevio, halted Horst Schulze of Germany in round three. Super lightweight Jurgen Himmler outpointed Ali Behlivan of Turkey, six.
(08-06-83)

DENMARK

The former European welterweight champion Hans Henrik Palm has announced his retirement due to eye problems. The 27-year-old Dane had 42 fights, winning 39 and losing to Jorgen Hansen (twice) and Colin Jones. He was unbeaten in his first 32 fights before losing to Hansen in October 1980. He won the vacant European title by stopping Georges Warusfel in two rounds in February, 1982, but lost the title to Jones nine months later.

FRANCE

▲**TROYES**—Middles: Jean Spengler stopped Jean-Philippe Trauchelut in six.
(02-04-83)

▲**COURRIERS**—Light welters: Julian Segly outpointed Alain Vastine, six.
(02-04-83)

▲**MARSEILLES**—Heavys: Taoufik Balbouni stopped Fred Voltine, four and welterweight Brahim Messaudi outpointed Giovanni Chirra, six.
(02-10-83)

▲**TARBES**—Light welters: Abdel Chahboune outpointed Lexter Boucaud, six.
(02-11-83)

▲**FOURMIES**—Welters: Jose Bastient stopped Abdellah Essebach who retired in round five and Charles Spengler stopped Roger Person, four.
(02-12-83)

▲**DIGNE**—Light-welters: Mohamed Lazmany outpointed Tapsoba Tiga, eight.
(02-19-83)

▲**NANCY**—Welters: Rene Jacquot outpointed Richard Bankeu in six.
(02-25-83)

▲**TOULON**—Welters: Marc Ruocco forced Jo Pupella to retire in one.
(03-04-83)

▲**MONTARGIS**—Lights: Georges Maudet outpointed Julien Segly in six.
(03-04-83)

▲**STRASBOURG**—Welters: Richard Bankell outpointed Jean Louis Prinier Flot, six.
(03-05-83)

▲**VILLEFONTAINE**—Welters: Lifetu Basila outpointed Gilles Beaurain, six.
(03-05-83)

▲**GRENOBLE**—Lights: Dario Bruno beat Jamel Benmeziane who retired in round four. Michel Cini outpointed Jean Paul Guillard, six.
(03-12-83)

▲**ANGERS**—Welters: Gerard Doizy outpointed Jean Pierre Moreau, six.
(03-05-83)

▲**PONT A MOUSSON**—Light heavy: Achene Reffas and Ahmed Laghali drew in six.
(03-12-83)

▲**VILLEFRANCHE**—Middles: Jose Rosemain outpointed Sidi Traore, six.
(03-12-83)

▲**SALON DE PROVENCE**—Feathers: Nourredine Hamdani stopped Michel Morvan who retired in round three.
(03-18-83)

▲**ROUBAIX**—Lights: Kamel Kessaci KO'd Alain Le Fol, four.
(03-19-83)

▲**VITRY**—Welters: Jean Louis Prenier Flot outpointed Lifetu Basila, six.
(03-25-83)

▲**LA FERE**—Lights: Gilles Beaurain outpointed Alain Marchand, six.
(03-25-83)

▲**LA GARDE**—Light-welters: Mohamed Lazmany KO'd Nordine Dahmani, four.
(03-25-83)

▲**ST BRIEUC**—In the semi-finals of the French light heavyweight competition Achene Reffas outpointed Abdelkrim Mourene and Anaclet Wamba outpointed Fefe Ossana in sixes.
(03-27-83)

▲**LE HARVE**—Middles: Djibril Diallo outpointed Ilunga Shako, six.
(04-02-83)

▲**CONDE SUR ESCAUT**—Lights: Didier Kowalski outpointed Harid Majid, eight.
(04-02-83)

▲**BIARRITZ**—Junior lights: Vicente Macias outpointed Vicente Hernando, six.
(04-02-83)

▲**NICE**—Lights: Abdelhatif Chahboune outpointed Dario Bruno, six.
(04-08-83)

▲**DHUIZON**—Welters: Jean Pierre Moreau outpointed Fred Edmee in six.
(04-08-83)

▲**GAILLARD**-Light-welters: Michel Giroud outpointed Mohamed Lazmany, eight.
(04-09-83)

▲**BLENDECQUES**—The former FInnish amateur star Tarmo Uusivirta scored his third professional victory, stopping experienced Andre Mongelema, five. The 26-year-old middleweight won silver medals in the Olympics and the World championships and a gold medal in the Europeans.
(04-09-83)

▲**SALON DE PROVENCE**—Feathers: Nourredine Hamdani outpointed Jean Luc Sautreau, six.
(04-22-83)

▲**ST BRIEUC**—In the final of the French light-heavyweight tournament, Anacled Wamba stopped Achene Reffas, six.
(04-22-83)

▲**FORT DE FRANCE (MARTINIQUE)**—Junior lightweight Daniel Londas took his record to 23-2 with a points win after ten rounds over Nelson Cruz Tamariz.
(07-13-83)

▲**NIMES**—On a good night for France, her three European champions all retained their titles. In a meaningless rematch Lucien Rodriguez stopped Belgian heavyweight Al Syben who retired in eight rounds. It was the fifth successful defence for Rodriguez and his second against Syben.

Louis Acaires retained his middleweight title with a 12 rounds points win over his fellow countryman Stephane Reffara. The 29-year-old Acaires has a 37-4 record and both of his title defences have been against Frenchmen. His biggest threats are the British trio Tony Sibson, Roy Gumbs, and Mark Kaylor.

Antoine Montero halted Italian veteran Giovanni Camputaro in the eighth round in the first defence of his flyweight title. The 26-year-old southpaw is unbeaten with an 18-0-1 record.

In other bouts, Paul Tchoue stopped Branislav Todorovic in the third round at middleweight and now as an 18-1 record. Light heavyweight Rufino Angulo outpointed Bonny McKenzie in eight and Andre Mongelema KO'd Spanish middleweight champion Jose Lozano in the first. The show drew a 10,000 crowd.
(08-05-83) ERIC ARMIT

GERMANY

▲**FRANKFORT—Festhalle**—Rudi Koopmans, 174, Netherlands, retained his European light heavyweight title with a come-from-behind knockout over Manfred Jassmann, 173½, Germany, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-round championship bout.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Sylvain Watbled (France)
6. Mary Konate (France)
7. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
8. Daniele Laghi (Italy)
9. Neville Meade (Wales)
10. Anders Eklund (Sweden)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Holland)
1. Richard Caramanolis (France)
2. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
3. Tom Collins (England)
4. Rufino Angulo (France)
5. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
6. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Dennis Andries (England)
9. Hocine Tafer (France)
10. Devon Bailey (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Louis Acaries (France)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Roy Gumbs (England)
3. Mark Kaylor (England)
4. Stephane Ferrara (France)
5. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
6. Aldo Buzzetti (Italy)
7. Frank Winterstein (France)
8. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
9. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
10. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Germain LeMaitre (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
5. Prince Rodney (England)
6. Richard Rodriguez (France)
7. Daniele Zappaterra (Italy)
8. Jimmy Batten (England)
9. Jimmy Cable (England)
10. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
4. Gilles Elbilia (France)
5. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
6. Jo Kimpuani (France)
7. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
8. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
9. Claude Lancastre (France)
10. Perico Fernandez (Spain)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Giovanni Gimenez (Italy)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Ramon Gomez-Fouz (Spain)
4. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
5. Roberto Gambini (France)
6. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
7. Terry Marsh (England)
8. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
9. Alan Lamb (England)
10. Bruno Simili (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucio Cusma (Italy)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Rene Weller (Germany)
3. Ray Cattouse (England)
4. Joey Gibilisco (Italy)
5. Tony Willis (England)
6. Sebastian Sotgia (Italy)
7. Jose A. Garcia (Spain)
8. Charles Jurietti (France)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Carlos Hernandez (France)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
7. Marco Gallo (Italy)
8. Carlos M. Rodriguez (Spain)
9. Antoine Curti (France)
10. Amalio Galan (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Loris Stecca (Italy)
1. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
5. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
6. Kamel Djadda (France)
7. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
8. Frank Lussi (France)
9. Mustapha Keddari (France)
10. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
1. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
2. Valerio Nati (Italy)
3. Davey Larmour (Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
7. Jose Antunez (Spain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Roberto Serrelli (Italy)
10. Carlo Raviaoli (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Antoine Montero (France)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Keith Wallace (England)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
6. Gianpiero Pinna (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)
9. Duke McKenzie (England)
10. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)

The 31-year-old Jassmann just failed to beat Italian referee Dante Pasini's count, and found himself kayoed for the first time in a career made up of 200 amateur and professional contests.

Promoter—Wilfried Sauerland.

Attendance—3,000 (estimated).

(07-09-83) JACK A. TREE

ITALY

▲LECCO—Welterweight Giorgio Frigerio outpointed Giuseppe Agate, six.
(04-24-83)

▲SCIACCA—On the Giorgetti—Fossati undercard, lightweight Salvatore Lojacono outpointed Rosario Casartelli in six and Salvatore Curcetti outpointed Fabrizio Saraullo in a junior lightweight six.
(06-09-83)

▲PESARO—Slobodan Kacar, a gold medal winner at the 1980 Olympics, scored his third straight knockout by finishing Beja, Zaire, in round three. Kacar hails from Yugoslavia, and is a light-heavyweight. Mwimpa Kabeja, Zaire, beat Pisciotto on points in a welterweight six.
(06-11-83)

▲BOLOGNA—The European featherweight champion Loris Stecca was given a good fight by Robert Millins, but scored a clear points decision over 10 rounds. He is still unbeaten with 30 wins and one draw.

The 28-year-old former European light middleweight champion, Luigi Minchillo, returned after an eight month break to stop the gutsy Frenchman Yvon Segor on a cut in the eighth round. Minchillo now has a 40-2 record.

Giuseppe (Juan Jose) Giminez stopped Francesco Gallo in the fifth round also on a cut. For the 33-year-old Giminez, who lost to Leroy Haley in a WBC light welterweight title fight in October 1982, this was his 99th win in 113. fights. He also has five draws.

Bantamweight prospect Salvatore La Serra scored his ninth win by outpointing Bofungo Eymono, eight.
(06-15-83)

▲BOARIO TERME—In Lightweight bouts, Aristide Pizzo outpointed Josias da Silva of Brazil, six and Rosario Casartelli outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, six.
(06-24-83)

▲PONTE NUOVO—Francesco Tritto outpointed Abassa Macauley in a junior lightweight six.
(06-29-83)

▲BROLO—In the prelims on the Lucio Cusma/Rene Weller bill, the Italian light heavyweight champion Walter Cevoli outpointed Ibele Moano of Zaire, eight, and Leto outpointed Mabele of Zaire in a light middleweight eight.
(06-29-83)

▲PIACENZA—The new Italian middleweight champion Aldo Buzzetti took his record to 15-1, but the 27-year-old southpaw was unimpressive in his eight rounds points victory over Moktar D'Jelassi. At the same weight, Franco Cagiano outpointed Hassen Hamani, six.
(07-01-83)

▲MONTE C VIBIO—The Italian welterweight champion Gianfranco Rosi improved his record to 23-1 with an eight rounds points win over Luciano Navarra who has slipped to 10 losses in a row.
(07-01-83)

▲MARCIANISE—Former amateur middleweight star Domenico Raucci stopped Muyangia Fau Follj, round five.
(07-02-83)

▲SIRACUSA—Salvatore Melluzzo retained his Italian featherweight title when his opponent, Giuseppe La Vite, was disqualified for butting. Just before the bell to end the eighth round, La Vite's head crunched into Melluzzo's face and opened a gash over the champion's left eye. Melluzzo could not come out for round nine, and La Vite was disqualified for his first defeat after 18 victories. It was a tough fight, but Melluzzo was edging in front. The 31-year-old southpaw Melluzzo now has a 35-6 record.

At junior lightweight Santiago Alvarez (Argentina) outpointed Palmiro Masala, six.
(07-02-83)

▲SAN ELIA—The Yugoslavian junior lightweight Dzavid Mahmutovic knocked out Francesco de Florio in the first.
(07-03-83)

▲NAPLES—World rated welterweight Nino La Rocca outpointed late substitute Sabiyala Diavilla in eight. Diavilla stepped in after the Italian Federation turned down German Cuello as a suitable opponent. A stunning right hand from Yombo Araka, Zaire, laid out Yawe Davis, Uganda, in one. It was revenge for Araka, and a big setback for Davis who had stopped Sylvain Watbled last time out.
(07-04-83)

▲GROSSETO—Former Italian lightweight champion Alessandro Scapecchi returned to action with a points win over Parizio Burini, eight. He now has a 19-1-2 record.

Light middleweight Benedetto Gravina knocked out Ramon Vallejos, Argentina, three.

Canadian featherweight champion Tony Salvatore outpointed Maurizio Lupino, eight.

Leonzio Balestra outpointed Francesco Campi, six, light heavyweights.

Welterweight Tullio Fingo outscored Franco Callegari, six.
(07-08-83)

▲NAPLES—Angelo Bizzaro and Antonio Maltempo scored points wins over Brazilian opponents. Lightweight Bizzaro outpointed Eloi Da Silva and light welterweight Maltempo decisioned Josias de Souza.
(07-10-83)

▲SOLFERINO—Ugandan heavyweight George Ajjo stopped Giovanni Marchesini in six.

Light welterweights Vincenzo Maiolini and George Ssondo (Uganda) drew, six.
(07-11-83)

SPAIN

▲VITORIA—Spanish bantamweight champion Jose Ignacio Martinez Antunez tackled junior lightweight Amalio Galan and won a points decision, eight.

Featherweight Blas Canovas outpointed Bellehige, four.
(05-21-83)

▲ZARAGOZA—Pedro (Perico) Fernandez retained his Spanish welterweight title by knocking out Jesus Garcia (Young) Marin in two.

Alejandro Mur beat Blas Galtes, who retired in the fourth round of their welterweight bout.
(05-21-83)

▲PALENCIA—Jose I Real Garcia and lose L. Fernandez "Josines" drew in a middleweight six.
(05-28-83)

▲MATERO—Former Spanish welterweight champion Tony Casado outpointed ex-middleweight champion Juan Munoz Holgado, eight.
(05-28-83)

▲SANTA COLOMA DE GRAMANET—Jose Hernandez retained his Spanish light middleweight title by forcing his challenger, Salvador Perez "Merche," to retire in round seven. It was the first fight in eight months for the 39-year-old deaf-mute, who was recently rejected as a challenger for the European title due to his age.

Middleweights Antonio Garcia and Jorge Sala were both thrown out of the ring for lack of effort after seven peaceful rounds.
(06-09-83)

▲ZARAGOZA—Jose A (Kid) Garcia regained the Spanish lightweight title by outpointing the holder, Hugo Carrizo, 10. The 24-year-old Garcia gave up the title last year to concentrate on the European crown, but was flattened by Joey Gibilisco. Garcia now has 32 wins, four losses and two draws.

Welterweight Alejandro Mur scored a six-round points decision over Julio Garcia Barcina.
(06-18-83)

▲LAS PALMAS—Eduardo Santana outpointed Bimba Mazingo in a light middleweight six.

Vicente Jorge "Sendin" decisioned Jose Manuel Guervos in a lightweight six.
(07-01-83)

▲PALMA—Lightweights Isidoro Cabeza and Joaquin Garcia "Tanio II" drew, six.
(07-08-83)

▲LAS PALMAS—Manuel Dominguez "Mando Pena I" outpointed Eduardo Santana, six, light middles.

Francisco Dominguez "Mando Pena II" outpointed Jesus Bezanilla, six.
(07-15-83)

▲MATARO—Unbeaten welterweight prospect Emilio Sole outpointed middleweight Andoni Amana, eight. The 21-year-old Sole now has 16 wins and a draw.
(07-16-83)

▲VILLAFRANCA DE ORDIZIA—Carlos Hernandez retained his Spanish junior lightweight title with a draw against Amalio Galan, 10. The 32-year-old former European champion had stopped Galan in the tenth round of a previous title bout it 1981. The draw was a surprise, as Galan had won only one of his last six bouts.

Fernando Gonzalez outpointed Bimba Mazinga in a light middleweight six.
(07-23-83)

▲BLANES—Middleweight Juan Munoz Holgado kayoed Antonio Garcia in two.
(07-23-83)

▲MADRID—Welterweight champion Perico Fernandez outpointed Juan Munoz Holgado, eight.
(08-05-83) ERIC ARMIT

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Six-foot junior welterweight Nobuyuki Tabata, a 19-year-old sensation with a 9-0 (nine kayoes) record, was held to a controversial draw by durable Koran Want-Ki Chung, 145¼, 10.

Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-97, Chung; judges Takeo Ugo and Shoji Nakamori, both 98-98. Tabata, ranked sixth by the JBC after winning the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney, took the second and third rounds, using his far longer reach. However, Chung (who had disposed of ex-Japanese junior middleweight champ Katsuhiro Sawada) whipped the fading prospect with solid rights in the last half. Tabata, 144½, got a good lesson.

Former Japanese junior bantam champ Tsutomu Itokazu, 123, was TKO'd by Masataka Katayama, also 123, at 0:50 of the fourth round in an eight.

Keigo Furuta, 124, unanimously decisioned Mitsuru Nanamegi, also 124, six.

Four rounders: Masayuki Ono, 125½, won a close nod over Tomomi Shimabukuro, 125¼. Lefty Yukito Tamakuma, 109¾, dropped Takeshi Toh, 110, copping a onesided decision. Moriyoshi Wada, 117½, eked out a majority verdict over Tomoyoshi Sugawa, 117½. Kunio Takanami, 122, was also a winner by a majority duke in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000.
(07-08-83)

▲NAGOYA—City Hall—Hiroaki Kato, 119, earned a onesided decision over Takayuki Shimoda, also 119, 10. Shimoda hit the deck from a solid uppercut in round four.

Scoring: referee Masao Kato, 100-93; judges Koichi Ushida and Takaomi Ito, both 100-94—all for the local favorite.

Kato, formerly rated sixth in the bantam division by the JBC, is now 6-8 with no kayoes. Shimoda is 5-11-3 with three knockouts.

Noboru Kawaguchi, 149, dropped Kenya Ken, 149¾, for the count in 2:19 of the second round in their eight. Kawaguchi, 22, is now 6-4-1 (three kayoes). Ken fell to 3-3 with one kayo.

Takayuki Morimoto, now last year's local Novice King tourney winner at 110¼, TKO'd Toshihisa Takii, 110¼, at 1:07 of the eighth and final session. Morimoto, a taller lefty, is now 6-1 with two kayoes. Takii, 15 years his senior at 35, is 1-4-1.

Takashi Nonoyama, 109¾, finished Takuya Tsuji, 110¼, at 1:52 of the opening session in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Takashi Yokeseki, 117½, decisioned Toshio Maekawa, 118. Minoru Kujo, 135, came off the canvas and scored a countering right, flattening Yasufumi Ogawa, 129¾, at 1:15 of the first round. Kazuhisa Koyama, 107¾, won from Teruaki Saito, 107¾. Shiro Harada, 140, floored Nobuo Azuma, 135¾, twice and stopped him at 1:10 of the second round. Hitoshi Taniuchi, 110¾, won over Mitsuya Kamei, 112. Masatoshi Azuma, 113¼, TKO'd Yoshito Saikai, 113¾, at 0:43 of the fourth canto. Junkichi Iwashita, 106¼, dug a wicked body shot and kayoed Kazumasa Kiriyama, 108, in 2:23 of the first session. Morikiyo Yamanouchi, 107, stopped Dragon Yamazaki, 104, at 2:26 of the second round. Koichiro Nakagaito, 133a6, polished off Masaki Ishikawa, 133¼, at 1:19 of the first canto in the opener.

Midori Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200.
(07-02-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto, the JBC's third ranked welterweight at 150¼, took a split decision over Masahiro Shichiri, 148¾, 10. Scoring: referee Kiyoshi Kazama, 98-96, and judge Masakazu Uchida, 98-97, both for the tricky winner; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-97, Shichiri, a stablemate of WBA junior bantam champ Jiro Watanabe. Kitsumoto is now 7-4-1 with three kayoes. Shichiri, six years his junior at 22, is 2-1-1 with one kayo.

Masakatsu Sakuma, 117½, stopped Toru Kaburagi, 117½, at 1:48 of the fourth canto in a six.

Koji Shishikawa, 113, needed only 108 seconds to finish lefty Ryuji Tanimura, 114, in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Sung-Chul Kim, 117½, beat Yuto Mizuhashi, 117, on points. Wolf Sato, 124, stopped Taichi Okada, 124¾, at 0:28 of the third round. Noriyuki Ota, 129, decisioned Katsumi Hashiguchi, 129¾. Masaru Yoshimoto, 108, won from Kazuo Sawada, 108. Masaki Kitabatake, 124¾, outscored Yasuki Fujishima, 124¼. Soichi Higuchi, 122, decisioned Masayuki Kamima, also 122. Yozu Shigesawa, 125, decisioned Kiyoharu Ihara, 122¼. Yukio Yonesu, 128¼, outpointed Yoichi Kaname, 130, in the opener.

Tetsuwa Keihin Kawasaki Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500.
(07-03-83)

▲KAMIFUKUOKA—Labor Welfare Center—Though his kayo streak had been stopped at 11 in his previous bout, with Yasuo Azato last April, hard hitting Yoshiyuki Uchida, 111¼, displayed his power in demolishing Ryuji Ichinomiya, 110½, at 1:59 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Uchida, the JBC's third ranked flyweight, is now 12-1-1 with 12 kayoes.

Hideki Ishida, 125½, won a unanimous decision (59-58 by all officials) over Jun Yamaguchi, 125, six.

Four rounders: Shingo Hayasaka, 121¼, knocked out TU Sasaki, 121¾, in 0:31 of the second round. Yoshihiko Ikeda, 115¾, won from Makoto Sawamura, 115½. Koichi Honma, 146½, decisioned Masashi Yoshida, 146. Junichi Minamizawa, 117½, outpointed Mitsuo Omori, 117½, in the opener.

Kamifukuoka Promotions. No telecast.
(07-12-83)

▲KASHIMANADA CITY—Kashima Takamatsu Green Park Gymnasium—Leo Suzuki, the JBC's fifth ranked bantie at 118¾, was kayoed by Kazuhiro Matsuda, 120, in 0:53 of the 10th and final round. Ken Morita, referee.

OPBF bantamweight champoin Eijiro Murata and Japanese bantam boss Mitsuo Imazato boxed a three-round exhibition.

Takaharu Nishimura, 118, unanimously decisioned Katsunori Nagamoto, 118, eight.

Masato Tanaka, 108, stopped Eijun Furusawa, 108, at 2:31 of the third round in a six.

Takashi Sakakibara, 112, TKO'd Hayato Tobii, 112, at 2:13 of the third canto in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Kenichi Ishii, 126¾, won from Koji Nukaga, 127. Keisuke Oki, 130, stopped Masahiro Tsuda, 130, at 2:52 of the second round. Michio Kurosawa, 122, decisioned Yasunori Miyagawa, 122, in the opener.

Kashimanada Boxing Club. No telecast.
(07-17-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hard hitting (but glass-jawed) Tadao Ishido, 143¾, stopped unknown American import Reggie (Vic) Burns, 145, at 0:56 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Burns, a taller lefty, utilized his longer reach, taking the second and third sessions. But Ishido's revenging attacks were such that Burns took a standing count and refused to fight on. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee. Ishido, 24, is now 10-8 with seven kayoes.

Lefty Young Hideo, the JBC's fourth ranked lightie at 129, connected with lefts and rights and halted Mexican Jorge Melcado, 131¼, at 2:49 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Young is now 9-5 with seven knockouts. Jorge fell to 13-5 with 12 kayoes.

Fred Chin, 140, Guam, made a good start, but was by Hitoshi Maehara, 134¾, in 2:29 of the third canto in eight. Maehara, 21,

is now 5-3-2 with four kayoes.

Yoshimu Oyama, the JBC's third ranked junior feather, to engaged in an exhibition for two rounds with Yusuke Inokuchi.

Four rounders: Junichi Futagami, 129, outscored Kazuki Yamakuro, 129½. Yukio Abe, 139, drew with Toyoharu Aizawa, also 139. Shuichi Akari, 139¾, took 54 seconds to stop Takao Sato, 139, in the opener.

Kyoei Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,200.

(07-18-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hikaru Tomonari, the JBC's top junior lightweight contender at 135, made good use of his straight lefts, and stopped Shori Takasaki, also 135, with two knockdowns at 2:31 of the second round in a 10.

Tomonari, 27, is now 22-6-1 with 11 kayoes. Takasaki, 30, fell to 7-5 with five knockouts. Paul Field, referee.

Gen Tosa, a lefty banger at 132¼, won a unanimous decision over Fighter Matsukawa, 10. Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 99-93; judges Kiyoshi Kazama and Paul Field, 100-94 and 100-92.

The winner is now 13-5-1 with five kayoes. The loser is 5-6-1 with three knockouts.

Unbeaten prospect Tadashi Shimabukuro, 116¼, nephew of the former WBA junior lightweight boss Yasutsune Uehara, failed to stop durable opponent Hiroaki Imazu, 115¾, winning a unanimous nod, six.

Shibabukuro, a lanky speedster, must learn how to use his left hand from his coach, ex-Japanese bantam champ Hurricane Teru (now retired). Tadashi is now 6-0 with four knockouts. Imazu is 5-2-1 with two knockouts.

Four rounders: Koheita Tanaka, 117½, disposed of Koji Tsukahara, 117, at 1:19 of the third round. Seiji Hara, 113, TKO'd Katsunori Iwatani, 111¾, at 2:45 of the second. Lefty Yukio Yonesu, 128¾, won from Yunosuki Watanuki, 129¾. Buffalo Tano, 114¾, kayoed Akira Saito, 114¼, in 1:05 of the second canto. Kazuhiko Sudo, 115, fell in 37 seconds at the hands of Takashi Umeda, 114¾, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,300.

(07-28-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Having been beaten by Don Curry in the WBA eliminator months ago, OPBF welterweight champion Jun-Sok Hwang, 147, seemingly regained his usual zip, and stopped Indonesian challenger Piet Gomies, 146, at 0:51 into the third round in a scheduled 12.

The sturdy champ exploded a solid right cross over Gomies' jab, and it was over. This was Hwan's sixth defense since he dethroned Chung-Jae Hwang two years ago.

Hwang is now 23-1 with 15 kayoes. The Indonesian fell to 15-5-3 with 10 knockouts.

Lefty Filipino Frank Cedeno, the WBA's sixth ranked flyweight at 115¾, proved too ringwise and strong for Korean prospect Ok-Kyun Yuh, 115, copping a unanimous nod 10. Scoring: ref Chul-Hee Han, 98-96, judges Kang-Soo Kim and Chin-Un Chung, both 98-94—all for Cedeno.

The Filipino winner is now 48-3-2 with 15 kayoes. Yuh is 9-2 with four knockouts.

Yung-Soo Cho, the KBC's number eight lightie at 135¾, was demolished by Dae-Hyun Oh, 136½, in 2:19 of the first round in an eight.

Yang-Soo Park, 120, won from Sung-Man Cho, also 120, six.

Four rounders: Jin-Hong Kim, 116½, decisioned Chul-Ho Chung, 116½. Chong-Soo Suh, 119¾, won over Jae-Won Yang, 120¾. Joung-Won Kang, Myung-Chul Choi, 118¾, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(07-03-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean lightweight kingpin Kyu-Woon Choi, 134¼, easily stopped Filipino veteran Danilo Limpahan, 135, at 2:54 of the second round in a 10. Choi is now 14-3 with seven kayoes. Danilo dropped to 17-7-3 with eight knockouts.

Hyung-Shik Lim, the KBC's fourth ranked flyweight at 115½, lost a decision to Hi-Bong Kim, 115, eight.

Four rounders: Tae-Hwan Chung, 109¾, dropped a decision to Sung-Chul Kim. Jin-Sung Tae, 149, decisioned Won-Kyu Lee, 148½. Kwang-Soo Ahn, 123¼, won from Kang-Moon Lee, 122¼. Young-Kil Park, 119½, drew with Kwang-Soo Kim, 120, in the opener.

Korea Promotions (subsidiary of Kukdong Promotions).

(07-01-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Unbeaten Chul Kwon, the WBC's 15th ranked super bantie at 124¼, was held to a draw by Poker Peregrino, 123¾, 10. Kwon is 18-0-1 with 12 kayoes. Poker is 13-2-2 with 8 KOs.

Korean junior featherweight champ Chan-Jung Chun, 121¼, kept his crown by disposing of Byung-Kuk Oh, also 121¼, at 1:12 of the second session in their scheduled 10. Chun, an aggressive infighter, is now 16-2-4 with nine kayoes. Oh fell to 8-5-3 with three knockouts.

The first 10 saw Chung-Taek Lee, 122½, kayoed by Jung-Woo Chon, also 122½, 0:20 of the fifth round. Lee, this year's Novice King tourney winner, fell to 8-3 with six kayoes. Chon is 8-5-1 (four knockouts).

Hi-Sok Kim, 113¼, won from Chung-Dae Lee, 113, six.

Four rounders: Kyung-Ho Lee, 109¾, drew with Ro-Hyun Hwang, also 109¾. Nyo-Jin Yun, 116½, stopped Jin-Hun Choi, 116¼, at 2:25 of the third round in the opener.

Sangwon Promotions. KBS TV.

(07-02-83)

▲CHUNCHON—Chunchon Indoor Gymnasium—It was newly crowned OPBF middleweight champ Kyung-Min Nah's first appearance since his surprising kayo over Chong-Pal Park on May 29.

Nah, 160½, swarmed over Indonesian Suwarno, 160, dropped him thrice, and scored a fine knockout at 0:40 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Nah's OPBF title was not at stake. Nah's straight rights were so strong that Suwarno hit the deck in rounds one, three, and five.

Nah, 28, improved his log to 13-0 with as many knockouts.

Sa-Wang Kim, 133, won a decision over Sung-Youl Kim, 132¼, eight.

Taek-Joo Kang, 131¾, decisioned Il-Soo Chung, 131, six.

Four rounders: Chong-Won Chung, 124¾, stopped Wun-Yong Yuh, 124½, at 2:30 of the first canto. Sung-Kyu Cho, 122, halted Suk-Jin Kim, 123¾, at 2:58 of the opening session. Sang-Chul Lee, 114¾, decisioned Yung-Kyu Park, 115¼. Suk-Kyu Son, 135¾, won from Chung-Sil Chang, 135¼, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(07-09-83)

▲DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium—Decisioned by Sean Mannion in his U.S. debut, OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek, 151¾, came back to Korea and kept his throne by stopping Japanese Yohi Arai, 151½, with a flurry of punches at 2:09 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12.

Baek is now 27-1 with 27 kayoes.

Chong-Kwon Ahn, the KBC's third ranked junior lightie at 132¼, was held to a draw by Tae-Young Choi, 131, eight.

Young-Ho Joo, 109¾, dropped a decision to Ki-Young Kim, 110, six.

Four rounders: Byung-Yong Song, 113¼, decisioned Young-Kil Kim, 113¼. Hong-Sun Kim, 129¾, stopped Jung-Yol Kuk, 128¾, at 1:48 of the third round. Hae-Dong Kim, 110½, won from Yun Jae, 109¼. Sung-Kwan Lee, 116¾, drew with Wo-Chun Kim, 115¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(07-10-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Hard hitting Sok-Chul Baek, the WBA's seventh ranked junior bantie at 120, showed his superior power in finishing Filipino Jun Simbajon, 119¾, at 1:50 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Baek is now 20-2-1 with 12 knockouts. Simbajon is 31-4-5 with 21 kayoes.

Hyung-Kil Chun, Korean junior lightweight champ at 132¼, beat Filipino Little Balsigan, 132½, 10. Chun is now 15-2 with five kayoes. Balsigan fell to 38-9-4 with 18 knockouts.

Heu-Youl Yang, 115¼, won from Ho-Hyun Kim, 116, eight.

Jung-Won Park, 147½, decisioned Sang-Hou Yuh, also 147½, eight.

Four rounders: Sung-Man Lee, 124, stopped Yung-Sul Kim, 124¾, at 1:10 of the second round. Dong-In Chun, 127¼, won over Nae-Duk Kim, 127¼. Kyung-Shik Park, 140½, outscored Yong-Shik Kim, 140½, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions. MBC TV.

(07-16-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Australian Gary Hubble, 173, seized the OPBF light heavyweight crown by dropping Soo-Hang Lee, the defending champ at 173¼, twice and knocking him out in 1:28 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12.

It was a dull affair before Gary caught up with the lefty Lee in the fatal session. Gary sent the fading Korean to the deck with a countering right. Standing up groggily, Lee absorbed Gary's fierce combinations, hit the canvas with his head, and was stretched unconscious for minutes.

Gary Hubble is now 8-1-1 with eight kayoes. Lee, in his first defense, fell to 5-2-1 with four knockouts. Japanese Kazumasa Kuwata, referee.

The semi-final saw Korean junior welterweight champ Woo Hwang, 141½, finish Seung-Oh Hwang, 140¾, at 2:46 of the third round in a 10. This was a non-title go, with Hwang upping his log to 14-2-3 with five kayoes. Sung-Oh dropped to 7-8-5 with five kayoes.

Chong-Sung Koh, 127¾, won from Sok-Soo Kim, 127, eight.

Four rounders: Gun-Sok Kim, 136½, stopped Sun-Dong Kim, 136¾, at 2:37 of the first round. Soo-Il Park, 127½, decisioned Young-Hyong Lee, 126¾. Jun-Taek Lee, 110, halted Kyung-Ho Joo, 109, at 2:12 of the third round. Bong-Jun Kim, 109, outscored Yang-Chun Oh, 108½. Jong-Soo Choi, 110, knocked out Kyung-Ho Lee, 109, in 3:09 of the third session in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions. MBC TV.

(07-23-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—The OPBF featherweight champ Hwan-Kil Yuh, the WBA's second ranked contender at 132¼, overwhelmed Filipino Ray Tayaban, the GAB's number three junior lightie at 131¾, stopping him at 1:20 of the seventh round in a non-title 10.

Yuh, a short lefthander, is now 22-1-3 with 10 kayoes. Ray is 13-4 (nine knockouts).

Kyu-Chan Cho, 116½, won from Yun-Ho Park, 115, 10. Cho, the KBC's ninth ranked junior bantie, is now 11-4-1 with three kayoes. Park fell to 14-5-3 with three knockouts.

Ki-Chang Kim, 113½, won over Chun-Keun Kim, 112½, eight.

Four rounders: Byung-Soo Park, 121¾, stopped Yung-Jin Kim, also 121¾, at 3:00 of the second round. Sok-Sun Hong, 114, outpointed Hung-Kon Kim, 114½. Hyung-Ki Shim, 115¾, halted Byung-Won Ahn, 116½, at 2:58 of the third round. Young-Chae Nah, 119¼, polished off Kang-Hi Park, 118, at 1:49 of the second canto. Chong-Jin Chung, 118¾, outscored Jin-Duk Kim, 118½, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(07-24-83)

▲KWANGJU—Kwangju Gymnasium—The OPBF junior bantamweight champ Soon-Chun Kwon, 115½, fought a tune-up bout (for his scheduled crack at Jiro Watanabe's WBA title on October 6) and easily knocked out Filipino Ruben de la Cruz, also 115½, in 2:35 of the fourth round in a 10.

Kwon, the WBA's top contender, exploded a countering right and sent his opponent down for the count. Kwon is now 21-2-1 with 14 kayoes.

Kuk-Jin Im, 140½, drew with Hwa-Yung Song, 141¼, eight.

Ki-Youl Kang, 118½, stopped Jung-Kuk Lee, 119¼, at 2:08 of the fifth round in a six.

Four rounders: Ki-Chun Lee, 115¾, halted Man-Jae Han, 114½, at 1:50 of second round. Jun-Yung Im, 131¾, stopped Sant-Soo Kim, 131¾, at 1:30 of the fourth session. Jung-Sok Kwon, 121¼, won over Chong-Dae Oh, 121¾. Tae-Chun Aum, 116¼, outpointed Yung-Mo Chun, 116¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(07-24-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean junior middleweight champ Jae-Hyung Yuh, 154¾, kayoed Filipino Romy Angles, 154¼, in 3:07 of the thrid round in a 10. Yuh, the younger brother of ex-WBA junior middleweight champ Jae-Do Yuh, upped his log to 18-3 with 14 kayoes. Angels is 18-4 with eight kayoes.

The semi-final saw a new Korean junior flyweight champion with Jae-Hong Kim, ranked only 10th by the KBC at 108, copping an upset decision over Bi-Won Chung, the defending champ at 108, 10. Kim is still unbeaten with a 7-0-1 record (five kayoes). Chung suffered his first setback, dropping to 11-1-2 with three knockouts.

Dong-Chun Lee, 118, stopped Sung-Moon Choi, 117¼, at 2:55 of the fourth canto to win the vacant national bantamweight crown. Lee is now 17-5-1 with four kayoes. Choi fell to 12-3-4 with five knockouts.

Ki-Hae Song, 149, finished Yong-Man Park, 149¼, at 2:03 of the seventh round in an eight.

Sung-Ho Kim, 119, won a technical decision over Yong-Ho Yun, 119¼, at 2:57 of the seventh canto of their eight.

Cho-Woon Park, 110, stopped Dae-Young Kim, 109¼, at 2:23 of the fourth and final round in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(07-26-83)

▲DAECHON—Daechon Seaside Ring—Korean lightweight boss Kyu-Woon Choi, 137, scored a fine knockout over Yung-Wan Kim, 137¼, in 1:45 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Tae-Yung Choi, 127¾, decisioned Ei-Chong Chung, 128¼, eight.

Four rounders: He-dong Kim, 110, won from Duk-Sang Kim, 109¼. Jung-Yong Park, 115, decisioned Sung-Un Ryuk, 114¾. Dae-Jin Kim, 109½, drew with Sung-Chul Kim, 110. Wae-Shik Cho, 115¾, drew with Yung-Kil Park, 116½. Sang-Aum Cho, 112½, stopped Kyung-Taek Chung, 113, at 0:25 of the fourth and final session in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(07-31-83)

JOE KOIZUMI and YOO-CHANG KIM

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▲BUKIDNON—Flash Bernardo, 126, fought to a split draw with Eddie Abian, also 126, 10.

Isabelo Bacolod, promoter.

(04-06-83)

▲CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Jongjong Pacquing, 135, won the Filipino lightweight crown by defeating Flash Villamer, also 135, via a unanimous decision, 12. Thanks to this important victory, Jongjong was named "Boxer of the Month" by the Games and Amusements Board.

Little Bauio, 111, won a unanimous nod over German Ellana, 111, 10.

Young Depio, 118, eked out a split duke over Roger Ancajas, 120, 10.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.

(04-16-83)

▲HAGONOY, BULACAN—Rolando Navarro, 110, was awarded a majority decision over Jun Santiago, also 110, 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.

Four rounders: Charlie Cabubas, 129½, won from Anilo Antonio, 130. Nilo Prindiana, 120, decisioned Amancio Mendiola, 119½. Francisco Novio, 118, outscored Dominador Balagbagin, 118. Danny Marinez, 127½, and Glicerio Beloy, 128, fought to a technical draw in round three in the opener.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(04-16-83)

▲NAGCARLAN, LAGUNA—Remegio Aguilar, 114½, eked out a majority decision from Perez Jr., 114, 10. D. Rodenas, referee.

Al Sicat, 120, TKO'd Juanito Fabila, 121, in the fifth round in an eight.

Romeo Santos, 124, won from Little Freddie, 120, six.

Four rounders: Larry Manila, 135, decisioned Ricardo Medina, 132. Lou Marabe, Jr., 112, beat Rustum Aguilar, 110. Francisco Cabalin, 125½, won from Boy Nesro, 129, in the opener.

Felixberto Jarnenil, promoter.

Carlos M. Dizon and Carlos S. Roman, GAB witnesses.

(04-16-83)

▲POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO—Roberto Sareno, the GAB's seventh ranked bantie at 118, scored a TKO over Tito Granada, 118, in the second round of a 10.

Flash Emmanuel, 119, was a TKO victor over Boy Samson, 119, in round two of the semi-final 10.

Ricardo Mendez, promoter.

(04-17-83)

▲MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club—Lulu Villaverde, the GAB's third ranked feather at 125, won a decision over Chito Adigue, 126, 10.

Aurelio Reyes, promoter.

(04-18-83)

▲PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—Ranked third by the GAB, Pablo Pepito, 119¾, earned a majority decision over Joe Hiyas, 119¾, 10. Tom Evaristo, referee.

Boy Chua, 118½, TKO'd Rico Lequin, 120, in the seventh round of a 10.

Pablito Lazola, 119, won from Jovino Bello, 119, eight. Eugene Morado, 110½, decisioned Rey Maratas, 110, six. Dionisio Castillo, 140, fought to a technical draw with Lito Vasquez, 141, six.

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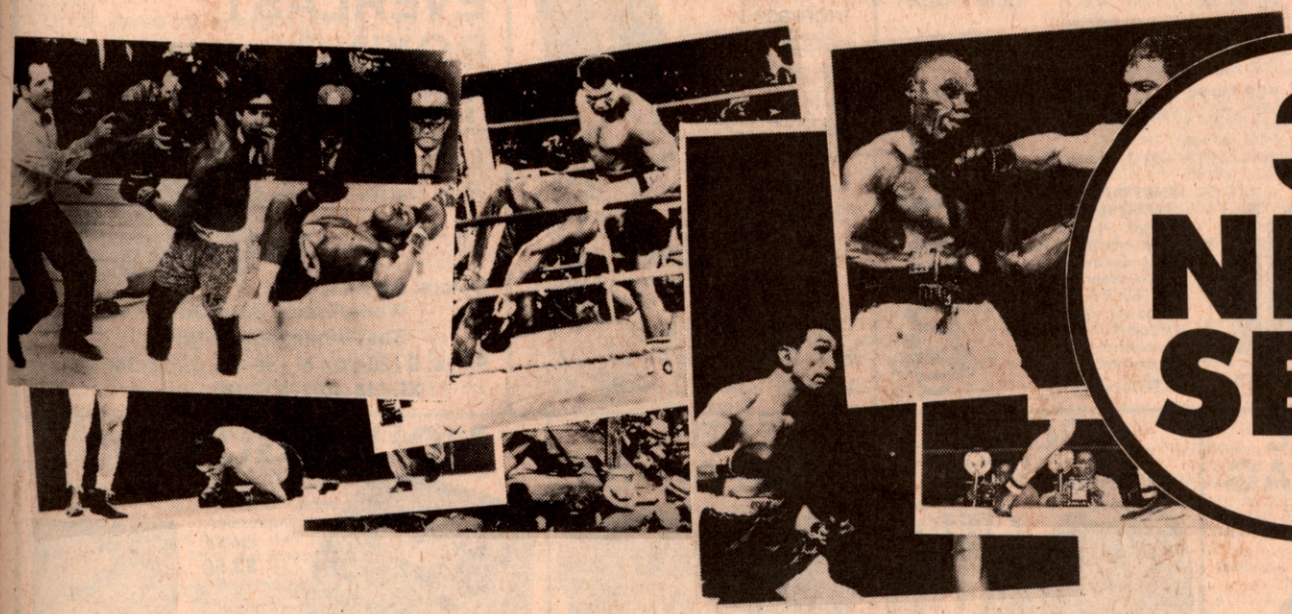

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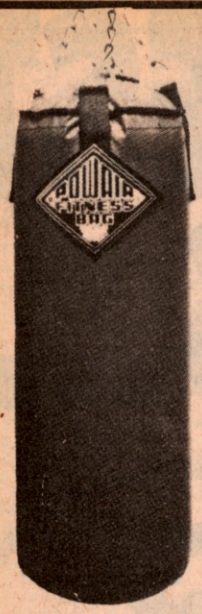

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Four rounders: Tanny Savior, 111, won over Julius Oligario, 112. Joseph Ladipe, 111, beat Rio Asero, also 111. Rodel Asenan, 111, outpointed Joel Advincula, 112. Sonny Abelardo, 119, won from Efren Aranas, 118, in the opener.
Laura S. Elorde (Flash Elorde's wife), promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(04-22-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY**—Little Balsigan, 130, scored a TKO win over Joel Insular, 132, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Rocky Arsenio, 114¾, defeated Rolly Navarro, 116½, by a unanimous decision, 10.
Hohnny Magastino, 131½, was a unanimous points victor over Noli Mocabos, 133, ten.
Little Sagan, 125½, tabbed a TKO over Johnny Gallardo, 120½, in the eighth canto in the first 10.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(04-24-83)

▲**SUCAT, METRO MANILA**—Ernie Mata, 117, won a unanimous verdict over Rene Brugada, 118¼, 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.
Dante Almario, promoter.
(04-23-83)

▲**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Pablo Hoyle, 102, and Danney Grey, 105, fought to a draw, 10.
Tommy Bastida, 121, earned a unanimous duke over Emong Amoguis, also 121, 10.
Eusebio Almario, promoter.
(04-23-83)

▲**ROXAS OR. MINDORO**—Nick Dalisay, 113, won a majority decision over Brigildo Canada, 123¼, 10. Edel Geronimo, 112, TKO'd Lenon Arcega, also 112, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.
Felimon Vasquez, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(04-23-83)

▲**LOOC TABLAS, ROMBLON**—Allan Makitoko, the GAB's third ranked junior bantie at 114, impressively halted Flash Antonio, 113½, in the fourth canto of a scheduled ten.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(04-23-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club**—Amado Cabato, 118, registered a TKO win over Fel Jardenil, 119, in the 10th and final round. Major V. Deocariza, referee.
Jaime Enriguez, 127, beat Rudy Sinilong, Jr., 126, on points, 10.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(04-25-83)

▲**TUPI, SOUTH COTABATO**—Young Abaloyan, 126, fought to a split draw with Al Juanio, 125, 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(04-26-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY**—Little Balsigan, 130, scored a TKO over Joel Insular, 132, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10.
Rocky Arsenio, 114¾, won from Rolly Navarro, 116½, 10.
Johnny Magastino, 131½, decisioned Noli Mocabos, 133, 10.
Little Sagan, 125½, TKO'd Johnny Gallardo, 120½, in the eighth canto in a 10.
Rudy Palicua, 109, fought to a technical draw with Raul Noble, 113, in the opening canto in their scheduled 10.
Venancio Esteban, 127, won from Nestor Tachado, 130, eight.
Tony Agalatiw, 114, TKO'd Sergio Molabola, 111, in the fourth round of their eight.
Danny Adangla, 122, knocked out Boy Porcalla, also 122, in the four-round opener.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
Emmanuel Flores and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(04-29-83)

▲**TAYTAY, RIZAL**—Rod Sequenan, the WBC's 18th ranked super feather at 133, halted Sandy Torres, 135, in the sixth round of a 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.
Geron Porras, 132½, halted Sugar Ray Roland, 135, in the ninth canto of their 10.
Sandy Noora, 125½, TKO'd Boy Sabuero, 128, in the eighth session.
Max (Boy) Toyogon, 140, was a TKO winner over Fernando Narcua, 138½, in the eighth canto of the first 10.
Romeo Santos, 125, won from Zaldy Ovillo, 126, six.
Four rounders: Boy Negro, 130, halted Glecerio Beloy, 129, in the second. Francisco Cabalin, 126, won from Charles Cabubas, 128, in the opener.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(04-30-83)

▲**PANGASINAN**—Chito Adigue, 126, chalked up a TKO over Rene Sedayon, 126, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. D. Rodenas, referee.
Jun Maiba, 129½, decisioned Pol Cananса, 129, in the eight-round opener.
Mario Clara, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(04-30-83)

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Dario Melida, 140, eked out a split duke over Al Rodrigo, also 140, 10.
Narciso Martines, promoter.
(05-01-83)

▲**MASARA DAVAO**—Gar Atayde, 140, battled to a majority draw with Hermie Villanueva, also 140, 10.
(05-01-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana Racing Club**—Bert Lozano, 134½, won a unanimous nod over Jun Bautista, 133, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Nick Dilisay, 110, decisively beat Ely Bautista, also 110, 10.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(05-02-83)

▲**TALAVERA, NUEVA ECIJA**—Former national champ Dan de Guzman, 147, scored a TKO over Jimmy Gonzales, also 147, in the fifth round of a 10.
Lito Albarico, 140½, won a unanimous nod over Nilo Acido, also 140½, 10.
Bon Hermo, 112, decisioned Lito Santiago, also 112, in the four-round opener.
Felimon Vasquez, promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(05-03-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rod Sequenan, 130, scored a knockout over Alberto Duldulao, Filipino junior lightweight champ at 129¾, in the ninth round of a 10. Valeriano Deocariza, referee. Alberto's title wasn't at stake, though they were both under the 130-pound limit.
Joe Hiyas, 120, fought to a technical draw with Fel Aporto, also 120, in the fifth round of their 10.
Eugene Morados, 112, decisioned Sergio Molabola, 112, eight.
Jou Marabe, Jr., 109, earned a split duke over Tanny Savior, 109¾, six.
Boy Abuela, 118½, won from Boy Caballes, 118½, six.
Four rounders: Rodel Asehan, 110½, drew with Capino, Jr., 110½. Amancio Mendiola, 120, outpointed Danny Santander, 120, in the opener.
Garlorde Enterprise, promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(05-04-83)

▲**BLISS, METRO MANILA**—Nardo Galugay, 119, stopped Rito Doyayre, 119, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.
Ernie Mata, 119½, halted Avel Magracia, 119, in the eighth round of their 10.
Four rounders: Boy Caballes, 115½, TKO'd Al Montillana, 114½, in the third round. Sonny Calumarde, 140, finished Rudy Hidalgo, also 140, in the fourth and final session. Martin Casal, 116½, scored a TKO over Aki Caparuso, 118½, in the first canto. Ranny Savior, 111, halted Joel Advincula, 110, in the second round. Fred Salacan, 122, won from Amancio Mendiola, 122, in the opener.
Catalino dela Cruz, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(05-05-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY**—Francis Camatagan, 132, TKO'd Leo Viajador, 132, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Audy Murphy, 119, won from Fred Sta. Iglesia, 119, 10.
Little Sagan, 125½, halted Ale Masicampo, 125½, in the second session of their 10.
Dado Danglose, 129, stopped Jaime Aringo, 129, in the opening session in a scheduled six.
Four rounders: Roy Valentino, 112, stopped Rio Asero, also 112, in three. Joe Ruiz, 133, won from Centes Prencillo, 133. Dick Tabingan, 127, halted Ric Maglasang, 126. Young Carlos, 118, drew with Jack Ancheta, also 118, in the opener.
Dr. Lorenzo Pilando, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(05-07-83)

▲**MABALACAT, PAMPANGA**—Young dela Cruz, 146, seized the Filipino welterweight crown by taking a unanimous decision over Mike de Guzman, 145, 12. Joe Lansang, referee.
Eddie Camero, 127, won from Rudy Sinilong, also 127, 10.
Al Sicat, 120, decisioned Tito Villar, also 120, 10.
Morris Pastor, 124, earned a split duke over Polly Barce, 123½, in the 10-round opener.
Efren Nazal, promoter.
Emmanuel Flores, Carlos Dizon and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(05-07-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Mar Simbajon, 142, chalked up a TKO over Romulo Oguimas, 147, in the 10th and final round.
Rene Sedayon, 112, gained a decision over Wick Tengam, also 112, 10.
Dionisio Castillo, 142, decisioned Lito Vasquez, 140, six.
Robert Palaret, 109, won from Rustom Aguilar, 108, six.
Ernesto Robiso, 108, outscored Steve Ponan, 108½, six.
Four rounders: Boy Abuela, 120, won from Francisco Novio, 119½. Samuel Pasigan, 116, decisioned Joseph Ladipe, 111. Momong Mannay, 125, outpointed Banny Luilinguen, 126, in the opener.
Garolde Enterprise, promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(05-07-83)

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Jemuel Maguinsay, 112, fought to a majority draw with Al Tan Lee, also 112, 10.
Maximo Cabreros, promoter.
(05-07-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club**—Ador Seguin, 127, suffered a TKO over Chito Adigue, 127, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
(05-07-83)

▲**SAN JOSE OCC., MINDORO**—Willie Makitoki, 146½, earned a technical decision over Romy Angels, also 146½, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Edel Geronimo, 110, tabbed a seventh round TKO over Henry Balina, 110, in their 10.
Laureano Gamboa, promoter.
Major Pedro Flores, GAB witness.
(05-14-83)

▲**MANIKI, KAPALONG DAVAO**—Tommy Bastida, 124, halted Tony Sagrado, 124, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
(05-15-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club**—Allan Makitoki, 115½, won a unanimous nod over Nardo Calugay, 115, 10.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(05-16-83)

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Robert Sareno, 116, won a unanimous nod over Mer Krupa, 115, 10.
Al Duran, 130, tabbed a first round TKO over Noldo Lancian, also 130.
Gene Reyno, promoter.
(05-21-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY**—Lulu Villaverde, 126, earned a unanimous nod over Little Balsigan, 130, 10.
Flash Romeo, 142, beat Tony Pastrana, 139, 10.
Ray Tayaban, 134½, earned a technical decision from Eddie Cejas, 136, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.
Tony Agalatin, 113½, won from Nick Maratas, 107, eight.
Venecio Esteban, 128, won a unanimous nod over Walter Vasquez, 124¾, eight.
Four rounders: Roger Obina, 124, won from Danny Adangia, 124. Boy Gaballes, 117, TKO'd Bert Pucay, 118, in the final session. Nap Kelen Tam, 128¾, won over Jun Repe, 132, in the opener.
Felixberto Jarndnil, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad, Virgilio delos Reyes and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(05-21-83)

▲**DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym**—Young Abaloyan, 124, decisioned Rusty Torrecampo, 124, 10.
Jun Pacines, 115, earned a split nod over Joe Gaviola, 115, 10.
Lito Estimada, 112, scored a fourth round knockout over Joe Donaire, also 112, in their scheduled 10.
Augustin Garcia, promoter.
(05-21-83)

▲**DASMARINAS, CAVITE**—Dommy Ursua, Jr., 112, won a majority decision over Jun Santiago, 112, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Amado Castro, Jr., 136, and Jun Maniba, 129½, fought to a split draw, 10.
Ray Torrenski, 113, won from Edgar Estrabon, also 113, eight.
Ernie de Asis, 135, decisioned Pol Cananaga, 135, eight.
Four rounders: Nes Lim, 133, stopped Danino Antonio, 132, in the second round. Dominador Balagbagan, 117½, gained a majority decision over Bobby Castillo, 118, in the opener.
Rodolfo Mercado, promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(05-21-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club**—Flor Obina, 110, won from Nerie Saz, 110, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.
Mac Espanola, 124, decisioned Polly Barce, 121, 10.
Lou Marabe, Jr., 112, scored a decision over Ely Clamardy, 113, six.
Joy Molina, 108, outpointed Ruztom Aguilar, 110, in the four-round opener.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(05-23-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—Lito Pena, 139, scored a sixth round TKO over Fred Galang, 140, in a scheduled 10.
Antonio Esguerra, referee.
(05-27-83)

▲**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Lorenzo Nabuab, 134, TKO'd Joel Insular, 133½, in the 10th and final round.
Cesar Amazan, 122, won from Fred Sta. Igresia, 121, 10.
Ernie Mata, 119, stopped Rudy Grande, 118, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Guiller de Gala, 110, eked out a majority nod over Erxssio Robiso, 110, eight.
Rocky Allapitan, 118, won from Joen Sibulan, 121, six.
Charles Cabubas, 135½, decisioned Ric Medina, 134, four.
Alejandro Suansing, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witness.
(05-27-83)

▲**SAN PABLO CITY**—Sandy Noora, 129, scored a third round TKO over Sugar Ray Roland, 134, in a scheduled 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.
Romeo Santos, 126, stopped Alejandro Tipon, 126, in the fifth round of an eight.
Samuel Pasigan, 112, won from Boy Cua, 111, four.
Boy Negro, 128, TKO'd Celso Reyes, 127, in the third round of the opener.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(05-28-83)

▲**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ruben dela Cruz, 112, won a majority decision from Ely Maramba, also 112, 10.
Garmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(05-28-83)

▲**CEBU CITY**—Former Filipino junior welterweight champ Ruben Rabago, 141, won a unanimous decision from Cisco Ferrer, 140, 10.
Poker Perigrino, 120, earned a split duke over Franco Torregosa, also 120, 10.
Cris Maratas, 124, earned a unanimous nod over Rudy Patalinhug, also 124, 10.
Boy Lim, 120, won from San Santiago, also 120, in the first 10.
Juanito Tao, promoter.
(05-29-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana. Racing Club**—Flash Bernardo, 127½, chalked up a TKO victory over Cesar Guttierez, 128, in the seventh round of a 12.
Ernie Catalina, 119, fought to a technical draw with Flash Emmanuel, 117½, in the second round of the first 10.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(05-30-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Having stopped Alberto Duldulao, Filipino junior lightweight champ, in their non-title bout on May 4, Rod Sequenan, the WBC's 18th ranked super featherweight at 130, faced Duldulao, 129¾, again—this time for the title—and repeated his ninth round kayo to win the Filipino crown.
Sequenan, a hard hitting 130-pounder, may be a good opponent for OPBF champ Tae-Jin Moon.
Joe Hiyas, the GAB's number eight bantie, 120, fought to a draw with Fel Aporto, also 120, 10.
Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprise.
(06-04-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana Racing Club**—Romy Angels, the GAB's number seven welterweight at 142½, tabbed a TKO over Tony Pastrana, 146, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
(06-06-83)

▲**MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—In the supporting 12-rounder to the OPBF junior flyweight title bout between Dodie "Boy" Penalosa and Japanese challenger Katsumi Sato, Amado Cabato, 117¼, won the vacant Filipino bantamweight crown by taking a unanimous decision over Jun Simbajon, 116.

The Filipino throne had been relinquished by Bobby Berna, who outgrew the 118-pound division and fought Jaime Garza for the vacant WBC super bantamweight throne.

Sandy Noora, 124, eked out a majority decision over Boy Morales, also 124, 10.

Jessie Abrea, promoter.
(06-11-83)

▲**ABATAN BUGUIAS, BENGUET**—Tito Gregorio, the GAB's number eight flyweight at 112, was awarded a technical decision over Rudy Palicua, also 112, 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(06-11-83)

▲**DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym**—Young Abaloyan, 124, scored a seventh round TKO over Lec Lancian, also 124, in a scheduled 10.

Tommy Bastida, 123, was also a TKO victor over Emong Amoguis, 123, in 10.

Al Juanio, 124, copped a unanimous duke over Eddie Abian, 123, 10.

Rubenson Calingasa, promoter.
(06-11-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—Lito Pena, the GAB's number six lightie at 138, earned a unanimous verdict over Nilo Acido, ex-Filipino champ at 137½, 10.

Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
(06-12-83)

▲**SOUTH COTABATO**—Al Duran, the GAB's number six junior lightie at 130, registered a fine second round TKO over Danny Ado, also 130, in a scheduled 10.

Rene Lozada, promoter.
(06-12-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY**—Little Sagan, the GAB's number eight featherweight at 124, won a unanimous nod over Rudy Sinilong, Jr., also 124, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Ernie Cataluna, 118, unanimously outscored Audy Murphy, 118, 10.

Jun Salvador, 143, won from Ernie de Asis, 138, six.

Dick Tabingan, 126, decisioned Danny Martinez, 126, six.

Roy Valintino, 108, TKO'd Primo Lumibao, 111, in the first round of their scheduled six. Joe Ruiz, 135, stopped Fred Padilla, 135, in the second roud of a six.

Four rounders: Syl Bernard, 149, halted King Bombay, 149, in one. Bon Hermo, 119, TKO'd Young Carlos, 119, in one. Constancio Dangla, 113, stopped Rio Asero, 112, in one. Dolfor Day-Asen, 119, was also a TKO winner over Jack Ancheta, 119, in one. Jesusimo Sawangin, 129, halted Ric Magbasang, 126, in one. G.I. Joe, 132, halted Terry Maglasang, 132, in the third canto of the opener.

Dr. Lorenzo Pilando, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(06-18-83)

▲**SAN FRANCISCO, AGUASAN DEL SUR**—Nick Caputol, 135, defeated Boy dela Pena, 135, by a unanimous decision, 10.

Cesar Ligan, 126, unanimously decisioned Gil Cupay, 126, 10.

Narcisco Martinez, promoter.
(06-19-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana Racing Club**—Flash Bernardo, the GAB's number six featherweight at 128, dropped an upset decision to Jaime Enriquez, 126, 10. Nestor Olivetti, referee.

Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(06-20-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Mar Simbajon, ex-Filipino champ at 140½, scored a quick knockout over Gar Atayde, the GAB's number two junior welterweight at 140, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Former OPBF junior bantam boss William Develos, 116, won a unanimous nod over Ric Tanza, 116, 10. T. Evaristo, referee.

Dionisio Castillo, 142, won over Lito Vasquez, 144, eight.

Pablito Lazola, 119, outscored Lito Zarda, 119, eight.

Zaldy Ovillo, 130, won from Pol Canangan, 127, by a disqualification in round five of a six.

Momong Manaay, 125, eked out a split duke from Joen Sibulan, 124½, six.

Four rounders: Carlos Castigador, 120, decisioned Danny Santander, 120½. Efren Aranas, 117, won from Jun Luna, 118½. Julius Oligario, 112½, decisioned Dominador Balagbagan, 113, in the opener.

Ms. Laura Elorde, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(06-25-83)

▲**TAYTAY, RIZAL**—Ernie Mata, 118, earned a unanimous decision over Rey Arceta, 123, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Fel Jardenil, 117, fought Fred Sta. Iglesia, 120, to a technical draw in the third round of their 10. Oscar Reyes, referee. Edel Geronimo, 110, won a unanimous nod over Tony Ducay, also 110, in the first 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.

Tell Sauro, 121, won from Rod Molle, 121½, eight.

Little Freddie, 123, stopped Martin Casals, 121, in the fifth canto of a six.

Jimmy Marahay, 114, and Junior Payod, 116, battled to a split draw, six.

Manny Mataverde, 114, decisioned Dong de Jesus, 112½, four.

Rey Villaflores, 114, outscored Teddy Lagrama, 116, in the four-round opener.

Benjamin Vinluan, promoter.

Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(06-25-83)

▲**ARAYAT, PAMPANGA**—June Maniba, 129, TKO'd Amado Castro, Jr., 130, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Mario Clara, promoter.

Carlos Dizon, GAB witness.
(06-25-83)

▲**SOUTH COTABATO**—Up-and-coming Romy Navarrete, 105, younger brother of ex-WBC champ Rolando Navarrete, scored an impressive TKO over Edwin Inocencio, 105, in the eighth canto of a scheduled 10.

Romy is now rated eighth by the Games and Amusements Board (the Filipino Commission).

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(06-26-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Lefty puncher Kaosai Galaxy, the WBC's third ranked super flyweight at 117, displayed his power punching and flattened Luis Ibanez, a Peruvian at 118, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Ibanez, the WBA's sixth ranked 115-pounder, had been knocked out by WBA champ Jiro Watanabe in Japan in a bid for the title. Kaosai found Ibanez's glass jaw with a heavy right hook followed by a sharp left, putting him flat on the deck.

Kaosai, a Thai prospect with heavy power in his hands, is now 16-1 with 15 kayoes. For Ibanez, it was his third defeat in 37 bouts. Kaosai is eager to have a crack at Rafael Orono's WBC crown in the 115-pound division.

Attendance—5,000.
(05-10-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Hard punching Pongpan Sorphayathai, the WBA's fifth ranked junior featherweight at 124, weathered the body bombardments of Nicaraguan Jairo Anton, also 124, and halted him in the fifth canto of their scheduled 10.

Pongpan thus improved his log to 32-4-1 with 29 kayoes. Anton impaired to 17-2 with 14 kayoes.

Attendance—5,000.
(05-25-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Prayursak Muangsurin, a previously unbeaten flyweight rated sixth by the TBC, dropped a split decision to Charlongchair Singcaltex, 113, six. Prayursak, 114, looked befuddled by the winner's lefty style.
(04-28-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yungyuen Lukbanlur, 110, lost an upset decision to Thongtep Petchsriracha, 106, despite their difference of weight and size in six.
(04-29-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Up-and-coming ex-amateur star Soomboonyos Singsam-ang, 115, ran his log to 4-0 (three kayoes) by polishing off Thanasak Sithchula, 114, in the first session of a scheduled six.
(04-30-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior featherweight kingpin Dejvarin Hollywood, 122, kept his crown for the seventh time as he exploded combinations at the face of Prasong Sithkempetch, also 122, dropping him for the count in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10. Dejvarin was moving to and fro without tossing heavy punches before the trick happened.
(05-01-83)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thaveekoon Chor suenanan, the TBC's second ranked junior featherweight at 127, suffered an astonishing kayo at the hands Lert Singsongphol, also 127, and with only a 2-9 record, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(05-04-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Southpaw rookie Yingyai Petviharn, 121, refused to mix it with veteran Alibaba Luklongtan, 118. Petviharn kept on circling and jabbing, and eked out a split duke, six.

The Thai crowd jeered the winner, and cheered the loser.
(05-06-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sansakdi Osodsapha, the TBC's top featherweight contender at 124, continues to fight easy opponents. Sansakdi was held to an unexpected draw by an unheralded rookie named Daoprasuk Sithsathaporn, 124, six. Daoprasuk looked the winner due to his attacks in the last three rounds.
(05-14-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lukmaturee, 121, the TBC's number three flyweight, easily disposed of old soldier Rittilert Laudayuthaya, 118, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(05-14-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Eakalak Singnakornlaung, 122, fought back hard, and dropped Vuthidech Chairprasert, 119, thrice to score a TKO win in round two of a scheduled six.
(05-17-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sarakam Boonset, a rising puncher rated eighth by the TBC at 107, extended his unbeaten log to 8-0 (six kayoes) by demolishing Dornsak Kor Suwankanyang, 106, in the second session of a six.
(05-19-83)

▲**BANGKOK**—In a tune-up go before his crack at the Thai bantamweight crown, Ram Chartbandit, 118, disposed of Downoi Sithsanae, 116, in the third canto of a scheduled six.
(05-20-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Having won a gold medal in the amateur Seap Games, Chor (Kongkwanmuang) Hahpalang, 126, made his pro debut by stopping Phajan Sithsathaporn, the TBC's number four featherweight at 124, in the second round of a six.

Yingyai Petviharn, 125, easily kayoed Riti Singsongphol, 124, in the opening session of their scheduled six.
(05-21-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Having lost a split decision to Filipino Rolando Aldemir in an eliminator to decide the new OPBF lightweight kingpin, Thai champ Downthong Chuvatana, 136, managed to finish lefty Rakchart Kiatvayupak, 138, in the eighth and final round. It's very rare, in Thailand, to see a non-title eight-rounder, as they usually fight six-round bouts unless TBC titles are at stake or they're competing against foreign fighters.

Downthong's original opponent, Jenrub Muangsurin, the TBC's top lightweight contender, didn't appear at the official weigh-in, so the promoter had to look for an opponent. Rakchart accepted the offer, but Downthong was reluctant to face a southpaw and had to be persuaded by the impresario. Downthong was behind on points prior to the knockout.
(05-23-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sharp southpaw Saksamuth Singsam-ang, 111, landed a wicked right hook to Nimit Patkasem, 115, flattening him in the fourth session of a scheduled six.
(05-24-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Having dropped an upset decision to Thongtep Petchsriracha, now the TBC's fourth ranked junior flyweight, in their previous meeting, Yungyuen Lukbanlur, at 112, fought Thongtep, 108, again—only to lose another decision, six.
(05-27-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nongberd Naphatava, 112, became the new Thai flyweight champion as he pounded out a unanimous decision over Sankumpang Bunthavee, also 112, 10.

The TBC had stripped Dan Pisalchai of his national title because of his failure to defend for more than a year.

Scoring: all three cards 99-95.
(05-30-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petchngam Chuvatana, 114, the TBC's seventh ranked flyweight, halted Karavek Petsingha, 115, in the fifth round of a six.
(05-31-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Charlongchai Singcaltex, 114, the TBC's number four flyweight, gave a lesson to Sangthong S. Karaipet, a previously unbeaten hope at 115, stopping him in just 56 seconds of the first round in a six. Karaipet dropped to 5-1.
(06-02-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Narong Porntavee, 110, lost a decision to Suriyanoi Petsingha, a lefty novice at 109, six.
(06-06-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Jimmy (Sithfaidang) Pornthavee, 122, had been rated as a flyweight by the TBC, but he reappeared as a junior featherweight and knocked out Pomdech Sornrama, 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(06-09-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Hitherto unbeaten Somboonyos Singsam-ang, 115, lost a split decision to Jownaranoi Jomkatha, also 115, the TBC's third ranked junior flyweight, six. Somboonyos fell to 4-1 with three kayoes.
(06-10-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ram Chartbandit, 118, wrested the Thai bantamweight throne by scoring a TKO over Saksamai Chorsirirat, the defending champ at 118, at 2:48 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10. Ram dropped Saksamai thrice, and the referee called a halt.
(06-13-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Manachai Sorvatana, the TBC's second ranked bantie at 122, very easily demolished Chainoi Vatagym, also 122, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(06-14-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yingyai Petviharn, 123, scored an easy TKO over Dechasak Laudaryuthaya, 122, in the fourth canto of a six.
(06-17-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sankumpang Bunthavee, the TBC's top flyweight contender at 113, suffered an upset knockout at the hands of Ruangdech Sakdicharern, also 113, in the first round of a six. It astonished rather than entertained the crowd.
(06-21-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Juan (Kid) Meza, the WBC's fourth ranked super bantamweight at 121, proved too strong and powerful for Pongpan Sorphayathai, a ballyhooed kayo artist at 122, scoring a TKO win at 1:54 of the third round in a scheduled 12.

This was said to be an eliminator to decide a challenger for Jaime Garza, the newly crowned WBC champ.

Meza dropped Pongpan once each in three lopsided rounds, and the referee mercifully declared a stoppage. All the knockdowns were scored by Meza's lethal rights. Pongpan, a year his junior at 25, fell to 32-5-1 with 29 kayoes. It's a pity that Pongpan, an overestimated puncher, hadn't gotten experience against internationally known opponents. His lack of real power and good defense was revealed against Meza. Pongpan had been rated third by the WBC.

Somphop Srisomvong, promoter.
(07-13-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pharyoa Phoontharat, the Olympic Bronze Medalist in Montreal at 115, scored an important knockout over Mexican Ernesto (Che) Guevara, the WBC's 10th ranked flyweight at 114, in the fith round of a scheduled 10. The Thai exploded a left hook to the face when Guevara was off balance. Guevara struggled to regain his feet, but went sprawling on the deck and was counted out by Thai referee Vichien Sathanondchai. Thanks to this victory, Pharyoa is now rated tenth in the super flyweight division by the WBC.

Somphop Srisomvong, promoter.
(07-06-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana, 137, defeated Korean Seu-Heang Lee, 140, by a very controversial kayo in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Lee looked the stronger of the two, dropping Downthong twice—once in the fourth round (for a count of nine) and again in the sixth session. But Lee obviously pulled his punches and gave Downthong time to recover from the damage. Moreover, Lee turned very defensive without tossing blows after the second

knowkdown. Downthong came back and floored the Korean, who made no effort to get up. The Korean's corner tossed in the towel and the crowd angrily jeered the proceedings.
(07-07-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nongberd Naphataya, 114, the Thai flyweight champ engaged in a non-title sixer, winning an easy decision over Downoi Sithsaneh, also 114.
(07-02-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sansakdi Osodsapha, the TBC's top featherweight contender at 126, lost an upset decision to rookie Daoprasuk Sithsathaporn, 126, six.

Yingyai Petchvichan, the TBC's number nine junior featherweight at 124, won a unanimous nod over Ekalak Singnakornlaung, 122, six.
(07-09-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdi Galaxy (previously fighting as Sakda Suksuree), 130, became the new Thai junior lightweight champion with a kayo over Suban Muangsurin, 130, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. The TBC had stripped Phadedsuk Pisnurachun because of failure to defend his title.
(07-10-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chalow Muangsurin, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender at 112, acquired the Lumpinee Stadium's (not the TBC's) title by winning a unanimous decision over Petchngam Chuvatana, 112, 10. There were no knockdowns, but Chalow scored with more accurate punches against the sturdy southpaw.
(07-12-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samart Sakadam, the Thai number three junior fly at 112, eked out a split decision over Saksamuth Singsam-ang, 111, six. Saksamuth hit the deck in the fourth canto, but fought back very hard to win the last two rounds. It was a close fight.
(07-14-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Phansaknoi Kiatkraisorn, 128, ran his unbeaten log to 3-0 (3 kayoes) by disposing of Samor Laudayuthia, 124, in the third round in six.
(07-20-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight kingpin Kwanjai Muangsurin, 109, lost a unanimous decision to Chrlongcha Singcaltex, the TBC's number three flyweight at 114, in eight non-title rounds.

Chrlongchai, a hard hitting southpaw, befuddled the smaller champ, piling up the points steadily.
(07-21-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—He's rated number one in the TBC flyweight class, but Thongberm Lukmaturee, 120, seems unable to make the 112-pound limit. Lukmaturee, however, won a unanimous decision over Downoi Sithsanae, 119, six. Thongberm had to shed about six pounds to make the contract weight. He dropped Downoi, the TBC's number four junior bantie, for a count of nine in the second round.
(07-26-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Narong Pornthavee, 119, suffered an upset knokckout at the hands of Songkiatnoi Chorchutirat, 118, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(07-28-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲**CRONULLA—Workers Club**—Australian junior featherweight champion Jim Bowen, 124½, halted Reg King, 132¼, at 2:52 of the eighth and final round. King was on the way down when referee Billy Males stepped in.

Con O'Connor, 157¾, outscored Kelly Thompson, 150, eight.

Andy Withers, 136¾, stopped Les Luxford, 134½, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Tony Campbell, 154¼, outpointed Roy Alexander, 156½, six.

Bobby Williams, 110¼, outscored Peter Sherwood, 124½, three.
(05-14-83)

▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Ian Dennis, 159½, outpointed Con O'Connor, 162½, 10. This ruined O'Connor's chances of getting a shot at the Australian middleweight crown held by Ian's cousin, Steve. Ritchie Roberts will now get the title bout.

Chris Bennett, 126½, outpointed Kenny Bruce, 124½, 10, in a very good and fast paced contest.

Armstrong Waremaki, 126, outpointed Bobby Williams, 114½, six.

Young Walker, 138¾, outpointed Paul Bowman, 138¾, four.

Leo Moore, 211, outscored Peter Nikodijevic, 171¼, three.
(05-18-83)

▲**LITHGOW—R.S.L. Club**—Brett Young, 130, won the vacant NSW State junior lightweight crown with a clear cut unanimous decision over Roger Henry, 129½, 10. John Wright, referee. Les Gibbons and Trevor Singleton, judges.

Edin Tugrul, 133¾, outpointed Dean Thomas, 137½, eight.

Russell Sands, 150, halted Tony Campbell, 159¼, in the eighth and final round.

Roy Alexander, 160½, outpointed Nooky Curyer, 159¼, six.
(05-20-83)

▲**COOTAMUNDRA**—Ducky Dennis, 114¾, won a hard fought split decision over Willie White, 113½, 10.

Four-rounders. Alan Clarke, 143¼, outpointed Al Hallett, also 143¼. Peter Nikodijovic, 171¼, and Howard Horne, 180¾, drew. Peter Sherwood, 125¾, outscored Armstrong Waremaki, also 125¾. Darwin North, 143¼, outpointed Dean Thomas, 136¾.
(05-21-83)

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Willie Tarika, 137, won the NSW State junior welter crown with a majority decision over Peter Batty, 138½, 10. Referee Mick Dunningham

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and judge John Cauchi carded for Tarika by one point; judge Ken Anderson had it even.

Kam Chand, 120, outscored Sparrow Freeman, 128, six.

Andy Roberts, 136, and Muhammad Ali, 137, drew, six.

Harry Harris, 172, outpointed Bobby Rudland, 168, four.
(05-24-83)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Kelly Thompson, 153¼, retained his NSW State junior middle title by knocking out John Siriotis, 151¼, in 0:55 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Siriotis was knocked out on to the apron. He got back into the ring in time, but was floored again—this time by a body blow—and was on the canvas a minute or more after the terminal 10. Siriotis had knocked Thompson out in a non-title bout a few weeks earlier.

Tommy Roberts, 157½, won a split decision over Jimmy Greco, also 157½, after a rousing eight-round battle.

Russell Sands, 149¼, stopped Al Hallett, 151¾, on a cut eye in the third round of a scheduled six.

Darwin North, 151¾, outscored Andy Lynn, 148¼, four.
(05-26-83)

▲**TERRANORA—Lakes Country Club**—Kelly Thompson, 153¼, and Guy Parker, 152¼, fought to a split draw, 10. Good battle.

Brett Pevy, 150, outscored Lou Hirst, 147½, eight.

Mick McDermott, 138¾, stopped Disco George, 137¾, on a cut eye in the second round of their scheduled eight.

Steve Cox, 137¼, stopped Chris Hayward, 141½, in the first round of a scheduled four.
(06-02-83)

▲**ST. MARY'S—Band Club**—Roger Henry, 134½, outscored Dean Thomas, also 134½, 10. Thomas tried hard, but Henry had too much experience.

Armstrong Waremaki, 125¾, outpointed Peter Sherwood, also 125¾, six.

Four-rounders: Tony Campbell, 156½, outscored Ray Kelly, 147¾. Paul Donnelly, 169¾, halted Peter Nikodijevic, 167¾, in the third.

Three-rounders: Martin Sproule, 147¾, outpointed Steve Doakes, 150. Bazooka Burdzy, 203, outscored Mick Carney, 240¼. Brad Fredrics, 134½, and Brad O'Toole, 127¾, drew.
(06-02-83)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Dennis Talbot, 130, the Australian junior lightweight champ, won the NSW State lightweight crown by knocking out defending champoin Kirk Blair, 134½, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Russell Sands, 147¾, outscored Kevin Hogan, 148¾, in an action six.

Brad Fredrics, 136, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 130½, six.

Ray Roberts, 159¾, halted Tony Porrata, 162, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Bazooka Burdzy, 206, outpointed Michael Carney, 245, three.
(06-03-83)

▲**YOUNG—Citizen's & Services Club**—Ian Dennis, 160, outscored Clint Brown, 163, 10.

Sparrow Freeman, 127¾, halted Ben Lappori, 128, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Robert Hall, 174¼, outscored Graham Bray, 176, six.

Alan Clarke, 139, outpointed Edin Tugrul, 134, six.

Kam Chand, 113½, outscored Ducky Dennis, also 113½, six.

Ron James, 173, outpointed Howard Horne, 178, four.

Dom Vaquera, 154½, stopped Bob Gossette, 150, in the fourth and final round.
(06-04-83)

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Shaun Gray, 166, outscored Roy Alexander, 163, eight.

Sparrow Freeman, 131, and Muhammad Ali, 137, had their scheduled six declared a tech draw in the first round.

Brad O'Toole, 131, outscored Brad Fredrics, 136, five.

Leo Moore, 208, outpointed Mick Carney, 236, three.
(06-07-83)

▲**WOLLONGONG—Leagues Club**—Wayne Mulholland, 112, retained his Australian flyweight title with a unanimous decision over national junior flyweight champion Junior Thomas, 109½, 12.

A short right to the jaw decked Thompson in round 11. He rose at two, took the remaining six on his feet, and met Mulholland as he came in. A very low blow from Thompson—accidental; it was thrown while off balance—brought the application of the "no foul" rule. Ray Mitchell, referee; Les Gibbons and John Cauchi, judges.

Killer Kearney, 147½, outpointed Scotty Withers, 142½, in a solid eight. Withers formerly boxed under his real name, Andy Withers.

Roger Henry, 136, outscored Edin Tugrul, 133, six.

Brad Fredrics, 133, outpointed Armstrong Waremaki, 127, six.

Ray Wheatley, 219, outscored Leo Moore, 206, four.
(06-10-83)

▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Ritchie Roberts, 157, won the Australian middleweight title with an upset unanimous decision over defending champ Steve Dennis, 160, 12.

This was a meeting between two southpaws, and it was dull. Dennis fought way below form, and Roberts adopted safety first measures. Scoring: referee Trevor Christian, 120-108; judge Don Marks, 120-110; judge Dal Conway, 120-114.

Ian Dennis, 159, had too much on the ball for ring tusty Greg Crowe, 167½, in their scheduled eight-rounder. Crowe was withdrawn by his corner at the end of round five due to a wrist injury, but he was far behind on points at the time.

Jale Fotu, 149½, Fiji, handed Killer Kearney, 148, his first loss in another scheduled eight. Kearney suffered a broken hand and was pulled out at the end of five. A hard fight, with solid punching.

Leo Moore, 204¾, halted Graham Bray, 184½, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Brad Fredrics, 136¾, outscored Brad O'Toole, 130½, four.
(06-15-83)

▲**LISMORE—Workers Club**—Former Australian flyweight champion Steve Bell, 107¼, won the national junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over defending champion Junior Thompson, also 107¼, 12. No knockdowns, but plenty of action all the way. Scoring: referee Ray Mitchell, 119-111; judge Clive Greedy, 120-109; judge Denzil Creed, 120-107.

Thompson, who had tried to win Wayne Mulholland's Australian flyweight title on June 10, thus engaged in his second Australian championship bout in six days. That is a record—and this correspondent refereed both contests.

Tom West, 172, and Young Stone, 173¼, drew, 10. A hard fought battle that excited the fans.

Ron Donaghue, 150½, outscored Bobby Cross, 145¼, eight.

Mick McDermott, 142½, won on a foul over Foxy Louis, 139½, in the third round of their scheduled eight.

Ronald Doo, 147¼, outpointed Tilta Halpin, 142¾, four.
(06-16-83)

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Clint Brown, 163, outscored Steve Wonder, 158, eight.

Brad Fredrics, 135, outpointed Armstrong Waremaki, 126, six.

Leo Moore, 204, stopped Ray Wheatley, 214, in the fourth round of a scheduled five.

Robbie Hitchenson, 171, outpointed Paul Dutchie, 177, four.

Mick Carney, 244, outscored Bazooka Burdzy, 204, three.
(06-21-83)

▲**KANWAL—Wyong Leagues Club**—Young Haumona, 201¾, won a close decision over Peter Hewitt, 174¼, Victoria, 10. Good fight.

Kevin Hogan, 147¾, halted Manuel Gordillo, 145½, on a cut eye in the third round of their scheduled eight.

Brad O'Toole, 132¼, won on a foul over Brad Fredrics, 136¾, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Steve Doakes, 158¾, and Steve Polson, 147¾, drew, four.

Mick Carney, 247, outpointed Bazooka Burdzy, 202¾, three.
(06-22-83)

▲**BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Tommy Woods, 138¾, outscored Edin Tugrul, 134½, eight.

Muhammad Ali, 136¾, outpointed Laurie Lauriano, also 136¾, five.

Sparrow Freeman, 125¾, and Kam Chand, 117, drew, five.
(06-22-83)

▲**SMITHFIELD—R.S.L. Club**—Irishman Kenny Bruce, 126¼, won a technical decision over Australian junior featherweight champion Jim Bowen, 126½, when their scheduled 10 was stopped in the fifth round.

Bowen seemed to be in charge when he received a cut above and to the left of his left eye. The referee ruled that the injury was caused by an accidental head clash, so the cut eye rule was applied.

According to the three officials, Bruce was ahead on points at the end of the last concluded round—the fourth—so he was crowned the winner.

A poor decision. Bowen did not lose a round, although he drew one, and the crowd erupted in loud hooting when the decision was announced. (They had cheered Bruce into the ring.)

Six-rounders: Michael Toweel, 158¾, and Joe Burruni, 168½, drew. Paul Toweel, 154¼, outpointed Ron Donoghue, 152. Colin Carr, 151, halted Foxy Louis, 141½, on an injury in five.

Three-rounders: Mark Bullivant, 163¼, outscored Michael Callahan, 156½. Armstrong Waremaki, 125½, and Marki Petru, 135, drew.
(06-24-83)

▲**BOOROWA**—Alan Clarke, 139½, and Dean Thomas, also 139½, drew, eight.

Six-rounders: Ben Lappori, 122, outscored Brad O'Toole, 131. Roger Henry, 136¾, outpointed Laurie Lauriano, also 136¾.

Four-rounders: Howard Horne, 178½, outscored Paul Donnelly, 176½. Peter Lett, 170½, outpointed Paul Stewart, 171½.

Three-rounders: Steve Polson, 139, outpointed Brad Fredrics, 136¾. Dom Vaquera, 156½, halted Trevor Reid, 147¾, in the second.
(06-25-83)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Jale Fotu, 144½, Fiji, halted Big Jim West, 143¼, on a cut eye in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Young Stone, 169¾, outpointed John Layton, 180¾, 10, decking Layton on the way. Good fight.

Terry Archer, 209½, knocked out Larry Tattoo, 253½, in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Rocky Warren, 130, outpointed Brad Fredrics, 131¼, six.

Andy Lynn, 148¼, outscored Steve Doakes, also 148¼, four.
(06-30-83)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Frank Carlson, 126¾, halted Jim Bowen, 127, in a scheduled 10, referee Paul Moore stopping the bout as the bell rang to usher in round seven.

Bowen, one of the gamest fighters in the business, hit bottom on this night. Carlson played yo-yo with him, dropping Bowen with punches that would not have even rocked him last year. Jim entered the ring with his left eye patched, as it had been cut in his bout with Kenny Bruce the week before.

Mark Cribb, 123¾, made his pro debut by halting Mario DeMarco, 130½, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Joe Burruni, 167½, outpointed Jim Carew, 165½, six.

Leo Moore, 205¾, stopped Mandingo, 199½, in the second round of their scheduled six.
(07-01-83)

▲**BROADMEADOW—Basketball Stadium**—Willie White, 116½, won the vacant NSW State bantamweight crown by outpointing Ducky Dennis, also 116½, 10. Never much between these two. White had beaten Dennis thrice, with Ducky winning once and drawing once in prior matches.

Al Hallett, 144½, outscored Ron Donoghue, 152¼, six.

Darwin North, 146¾, halted Disco George, 139½, on a cut eye in the third round of their scheduled six.

Bobby Bootland, 167, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 173¾, four.
(07-02-83)

▲**CRONULLA—Workingmen's Club**—Brad Fredrics, 133½, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 126¾, eight.

Rocky Warren, 130, outscored Keith Ball, 132¼, six.

Three-rounders: Armstrong Waremaki, 125¾, outpointed Peter Sherwood, 126¾. Peter Nikodevijic, 168¾, and Perry Martin, 170¾, drew. Mick Carney, 253½, outscored Bazooka Burdzy, 196¼.
(07-02-83)

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Tommy Woods, 138, outscored Andrew (Scotty) Withers, 145, eight.

Paul Dutchy, 176, halted Robbie Hitchenson, 170, in the sixth and final round.

Four-rounders: Dave Winston, 155, outscored Tony Paratta, 164. Armstrong Waremaki, 126, outpointed Peter Sherwood, 127.
(07-05-83)

▲**TERRANORA—Lakes Country Club**—Peter Batty, 152, and Bobby Cross, 147¾, Queensland, drew, 10.

Gus Spina, 162, Queensland, kayoed Peter Lett, 157¾, New South Wales, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Lou Hurst, 151, Queensland, outscored Dawsie Kelly, 153¼, New South Wales, eight.

Ronald Doo, 142¼, Queensland, outpointed an overwieght Reg King, 140, eight.

Steve Deller, 150, outscored Tilta Halpin, 143¼, four.
(07-07-83)

▲**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Ian Dennis, 156½, and Geoff Kanofski, also 156½, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw after four.

Brett Pevy, 147¾, and Lou Hurst, also 147¾, drew, eight.

Craig Pevy, 123½, stopped Keith Ball, 132, in the sixth and final session.

Steve Cox, 136¾, outscored Dawsie Kelly, 152, six.

Warren Delaney, 169¾, and Perry Martin, 172½, drew, four.
(07-10-83)

▲**HELENSBURG**—Paul Donnelly, 174¼, and Steve Wonder, 161, drew, eight.

Dom Vaquera, 161, outpointed Ray Kelly, 150, six.

Armstrong Waremaki, 125¾, outscored Brad Fredrics, 139, six.

Edin Tugrul, 134½, won on a foul over Jake Williams, 154, in the fourth and final round.
(07-15-83)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

▲**DARWIN**—Sam Wickman, 165½, outpointed Joe Burruni, also 165½, eight.

Johnny Johnson, 158¾, outscored Peter Denning, 161, four.

Amateur bouts made up the balance of the program.
(05-22-83)

QUEENSLAND

▲**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Frank Ropis, 144½, retained his Australian welter crown by halting Australian junior welterweight title holder Brian Janssen, 143½, at the end of the eighth round in a scheduled 12.

Ropis and Janssen just belted the hell out of each other. At the end of eight, the score was even, but Janssen had a cut beneath his left eye and trainer Reg Layton called referee Alan Moore over and hauled down Brian's flag.

Ropis was stronger and fitter at that stage, and it's probable that, even without the cut, Frank would have won.

Emmanuel Otti, 161, who came here from Greece a few months ago (originally from Uganda), outscored Matareti Valu, also 161, 10.

Doug Sam, 155½, kayoed Kelly Thompson, 154½, in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Geoff Kanofski, 157, and Graham Looker, 151, drew, 10.

Gus Spina, 170, halted Tony Hayes, 168, in round five of a scheduled eight.

Tom West, 168, stopped Ken Morris, 175, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Mark Janssen, 140 (Brian's brother), halted Ronald Doo, 142, in round two of a scheduled four.
(06-06-83)

▲**BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel**—Graham Looker, 146¾, stopped Guy Parker, also 146¾, in the six round of a scheduled 10 to win the latter's Queensland State welterweight title.

Six-rounders: Mark Janssen, 144, outscored Ted Hopkins, 140. Abe Johnson, 176, outpointed Roland Runge, 194. John Bailey, 175, outscored Havea Wendt, 177. Ronald Doo, 140, outpointed Tassy Durack, 152.
(07-15-83)

VICTORIA

▲**NORTH MELBOURNE**—Tony Russell, 125½, won the vacant Victoria State featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Metat Balla, 123¼, 10. Scoring: referee Malcolm Bulner, 97-94; judge Gus Mercurio, 98-94; judge Cliff Heaver, 97-95.

Four-rounders: Dave Ramsden, 146½, outpointed Vern Miller, 143¼. Lance Mendola, 133½, and Steve Rodger, also 133½, drew.

Three-rounders: Andy Barnes, 150, outscored Tony Foley, 147¾. Colin Clencie, 122½, outpointed Willie Thompson, 130. Kim Crilly, 125¾, stopped Shane Cameron, also 125¾, in the first.
(05-12-83)

▲**WODONGA—Civic Centre**—Rocky Pirrottina, 136¾, Victoria, outpointed Rex Cannon, also 136¾, Queensland, 10. A rugged encounter.

Eight-rounders: Johnny Duff, 130, outscored Colin Ford, also 130. Wayne Meredith, 158¾, halted Lindsay Goode, 156½, in the eighth and final session. Gil McGrath, 147¾, stopped John Parkes, 146¾, in the third.

Three-rounders: Mike McKechnie, 154½, outscored Craig Dohl, 150. Brian Nolan, 152¼, and John Dale, 156½, drew.
(05-27-83)

▲**MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Graeme Brooke, 134½, kayoed former Australian featherweight champion Gary Williams, 132, a fast moving southpaw, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Brooke thus moved a step closer to the Australian lightweight title.

Peter Brian, 158¾, stopped Rocky Vilella, also 158¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Paul Delosa, 134, halted Steve Rodger, also 134, in the third round. Robbie Nava, 143¼, stopped Johnny Francis, 147¾, in the third.

Three-rounders: Gerald King, 196¼, halted Frank Courts, 200¾, in the first round. John Walsh, 165½, stopped Mick King, also 165½, in the first. Robbie Thorpe, 141, outscored Tony Foley, 140. Phil Niewand, 143¼, outpointed Graham Rose, 141.
(06-08-83)

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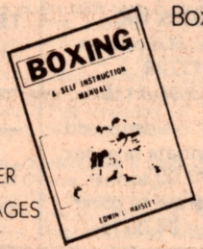

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131½, knocked out Roy Hughes 132¼, in the second round of a scheduled eight. Hughes, who was making his 76th appearance as a pro, had been on the canvas only once before, and had certainly never been stopped. Ellis is a former amateur with only a handful of pro bouts behind him.

Mark Vallance, 148, New South Wales, stopped Dave Ramsden, 146½, Victoria, in the second round of their scheduled eight.

Paul Delosa, 135¼, outscored Robbie Nava, 138¼, four.

Robbie Thorpe, 135½, halted Paul Noell, 137, in the second round of their scheduled four.

(06-25-83)

▲**MITCHAM—High School Auditorium**—Brian Schofield, 131, Victoria, halted late sub Rocky Warren, 129, New South Wales, in round five of a scheduled 10.

Lance Mendola, 126, outpointed Paul Delaso, 130, four.

Manuel Foling, 174, stopped John Walsh, 168, in the third round of their scheduled four.

Gerard King, 195, halted Wayne Flavel, 174, in the second round of a scheduled three.

Robbie Thorpe, 135, outpointed Tony Foley, 140, three.

(07-05-83) RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▲**AUCKLAND—Town Hall**—Undefeated New Zealand heavyweight champion "Gentleman" George Stankovich, 223, knocked out Samoan title holder Mamea Pepa, 217, in 1:26 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Beaven Weir, referee.

Mark Mafi, 226½, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over southpaw Saimoa Taufoa, 218, six.

Michael Isaaka, 157, TKO'd Lucky Luka, 154½, at 1:18 of the second round in their scheduled six. Isaaka is now 2-0.

Willie Maile, 147½, TKO'd Craig Parsons, 153½, in the fourth round of the scheduled six-round opener. Adolf Johansson, referee. A gash over the left eyebrow forced the stoppage.

New Zealand Professional Boxing Association.

Attendance—1,500. (06-29-83) JOHNNY HANKS

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Gerrie Coetzee KO 10 Michael Dokes
(Won WBA Title)
Tim Witherspoon KO 1 James (Quick) Tillis
(Won Vacant NABF Title)
Alfredo Evangelista W 10 Renaldo Snipes
Larry Holmes KO 5 Scott Frank
(Retained WBC Title)
Jimmy Clark KO 1 Al Houck
Trevor Berbick KO 10 Ken Lakusta
(Retained Commonwealth Title)
John Tate KO 2 Marty Capasso
James Smith KO 4 Walter Santemore
Steffen Tangstad W 10 Bashir Waudu
Rodney Frazier KO 4 Mike Perkins
Kerry Judge KO 2 Wiley Jones
Marty Monroe KO 2 Ed Smith
Tim Witherspoon W 10 Jumbo Cummings
Tony Tubbs W 10 Gordon Racette

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Carlos DeLeon KO 4 Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez
(Retained WBC Title)
Junior Edmonds W 10 Vic Valentino
Jerry Quarry KO 1 Lupe Guerra

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Eddie Davis KO 8 James Williams
(Retained USBA Title)
Eddie Davis W 12 Dale Grant
(Retained USBA Title)
Dwight Braxton W 10 Johnny Davis
Matthew Saad Muhammad KO 10 Larry Davis
Jerry Martin W 10 Anthony Witherspoon
G.C. Smith KO 3 Jessie Island
Lonnie Cutchins KO 5 Rocky Harris
James Williams W 10 Rudy Robles

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Robbie Sims W 10 Ted Mann
Dwight Davison KO 8 Lindell Holmes
James Kinchen KO 2 Juan Diaz
Bobby Czyz KO 2 Bert Lee
Steve Traitz KO 6 Ken Heflin
Jimmy Sykes KO 4 Steve Traitz
Murray Sutherland W 10 Alex Ramos
James Shuler KO 2 Norberto Sabater
Juan Domingo Roldan KO 8 Roberto Ruiz
Chong-Pal Park KO 4 Kyung-Min Nah
(Regained OPBF Title)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
David Braxton W 12 James Green
(Retained NABF Title)
Mike McCallum KO 5 Jose Vallejo
Mario Maldonado W 10 Buster Drayton
Willie Harris KO 3 Toby Smith
Delbert Williams W 10 Derrick Drane
Fred Hutchings KO 10 Kirkland Laing
Willie Harris KO 1 Steve Michalerya
Mark Medal KO 2 Steve Delgado
Mark Medal KO 8 Freddy Boynton
Jake Torrence KO 6 Miguel Sepulveda

WELTERWEIGHTS
Donald Curry KO 1 Roger Stafford
(Retained WBA Title)
Willie Makitoki KO 2 Tyrone Rackley
Lupe Aquino KO 5 Steve Hearon
Nino LaRocca W 10 Jerry Cheatham
Robert Hines KO 7 Lanny Edmond
Luis Suarez W 10 Jose Rufino Narvaez
Jeff Malcolm W 10 Bobby Joe Young

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Aaron Pryor KO 10 Alexis Arguello
(Retained WBA Title)
Johnny Bumphus KO 10 Jose Angulo
Reyes Cruz W 10 Darryl Fuller
Joe Manley KO 7 Al Carter
John Verderosa W 10 Clemente Rojas
Juan Arroyo KO 4 Sam Lantion
Pat Jefferson KO 3 Paul Barton
Hugo Hernandez KO 2 Hugo Luero
Eung-Shik Kim W 12 Ruben Rabago
(Won Vacant OPBF Title)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Ray Mancini KO 9 Orlando Romero
(Retained WBA Title)
Charlie Brown W 10 Alfredo Escalera
Robin Blake KO 6 Melvin Paul
Livingston Bramble KO 5 Juan Hernandez
Frankie Baltizar KO 3 Jerry Lewis
Melvin Paul W 12 Bobby Johnson
Steve Romero KO 9 Arturo Leon
Carlos Amaya KO 7 Tony Willis
Chris Calvin KO 1 Anthony Murray
Pablo Pizarro W 10 Eddie Collins
Alvin Hayes KO 7 Davidson Andeh

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Rocky Lockridge W 10 Cornelius Boza-Edwards
Freddie Roach W 10 Carlos Bryant
Guy Villegas KO 10 Ralph Aviles
Jose Cervantes KO 4 Ruben Dario
Wilson Avias W 10 Victor Pacheco
Roberto Defooz W 10 Miguel Lequin

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Azumah Nelson KO 2 Alberto Collazo
Azumah Nelson KO 2 Alvin Fowler
Richard Savage KO 9 Rueben Herasame
Nico Perez W 12 Carlos Laciar
Orlando Lucero W12 Carlos Laciar
Paul DeVorce W 10 Ricky Wallace
Juan Rodriguez KO 8 Adolpho Marquez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Leonardo Cruz W 15 Cleo Garcia
(Retained WBA Title)
Seung-Hoon Lee KO 7 Poker Peregrino

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Albert Davila KO 12 Kiko Bejines
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Jeff Chandler KO 10 Eijiro Murata
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Freddy Jackson W 10 Javier Barajas
James Manning KO 5 Pedro Rodriguez
Juan Castellanos KO 1 Miguel Angel Meza
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Norgi Castro W 10 Martin Vargas
Paul Diaz KO Joaquin Caraballo

FLYWEIGHTS
Frank Cedeno KO 6 Charlie Magri
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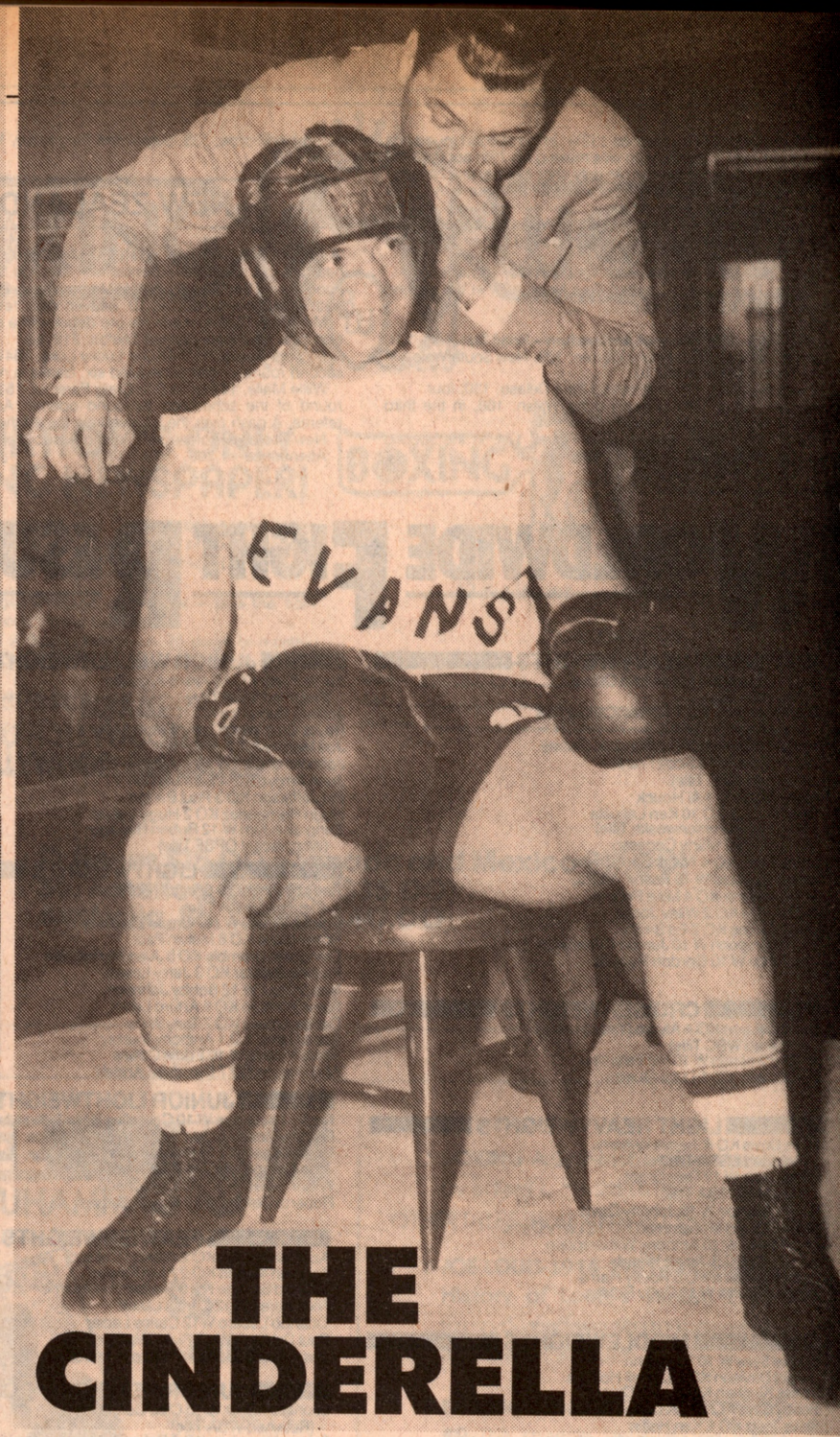


BY MICHAEL SILVER

ALMOST 50 YEARS AGO A 10-TO-1 UNDERDOG named James J. Braddock astounded the world by outpointing the-then supposedly invincible Max Baer to win the heavyweight championship of the world. His miraculous rise from the relief rolls to the world championship lifted the spirits of an entire Depression weary nation and gave hope to millions of people suffering under the weight of economic hardship and despair. James J. Braddock, boxing's Cinderella Man, was one of the few genuine heroes of the Great Depression. Embodied in the struggle of this decent, good natured Irishman the common man saw a reflection of his own strivings to overcome overwhelming obstacles. Braddock was one of their own who made it; and his success elevated each of them in a vicarious triumph—perhaps they too could beat the odds.

The Cinderella Man's rags to riches saga has been told and retold many times over. It is a story that never grows tiresome because its elements of pathos, drama, and triumph over adversity have a timeless appeal which continue to inspire us to this day. And yet, ironically, it is because of the very nature of this triumph—which was so much more than a simple athletic achievement—that Jim Braddock has never been paid his just due as a fighter. Too often writers have romanticized the fairy tale aspects of his story at the expense of certain facts that have heretofore remained out of focus.

But what of the man himself? And how did he, miraculously, in only one year, climb to the top of his profession?

To understand the success of the man we must understand his failures and the lessons he learned through them. In 1926 Jim Brad-

Photos, left to right: Braddock as a first lieutenant in 1942; getting advice from Jack Dempsey before title fight in '35; Going down a children's slide (Don't look for any symbolism); Being ushered out of Comiskey Park after losing the title to Joe Louis in '37.

dock had won both the light heavyweight and heavyweight New Jersey State amateur championships. That same year, at the age of 20, the 6'2" 170-pounder turned pro under the guidance of his trusted manager and friend, Joseph McGillicuddy Gould, who was to play Damon to this young Pythias. Great success was predicted for this handsome Son of Erin. From the start he exhibited an iron chin and, if not the boxing skills, at the very least, the heart of a world champion. Braddock's boxing style was straight up and orthodox. He had a good grounding in the basics of his trade and could display a fine left jab when the mood swayed him. If there was one fault in his fistic makeup it was his tendency to forego the finer points of the game in an attempt to nail his opponent with a haymaker. Although not a great puncher in the Dempsey mold, Braddock's solid right cross accounted for a number of impressive KO's. In fact, by the middle of 1929 he had lost but 3 of 46 pro bouts and had stopped 22 opponents inside the distance. Included among his victims were two former world champions, Jimmy Slattery and Pete Latzo.

On July 18, 1929, only three years after turning pro, Braddock, the number one-ranked challenger, was matched with light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran in Yankee Stadium. Many experts felt that Jimmy was biting off more than he could chew. They were right. Loughran, a picture book boxer who moved with ballet-like grace in the ring, was nearly impossible to hit with a solid punch. For sheer skill he ranked with—and was perhaps superior to—Jim Corbett and Gene Tunney. Knowing he could not outbox Loughran, Braddock decided on a simple strategy; he would charge in, head down, and attempt to nail Loughran with at least one of a thousand straight rights aimed at his elusive opponent's head. It didn't work. Loughran, playing matador to Braddock's bull, jabbed him silly and won 12 of 15 rounds. (After the fight, the Puckish Braddock asked the press about his elusive opponent. "Loughran? Has anybody here seen Loughran? I didn't see no Loughran . . . I was supposed to fight the guy tonight.")

Bitterly disillusioned over his inability to make a better showing, Braddock began to question his abilities. At this crucial juncture in his career he needed a few good wins to restore his sagging spirits. Jimmy still possessed the raw material of a future champion, but it was obvious now that he needed much seasoning and experience. But Gould, who had done such a splendid job maneuvering Jimmy into a title shot, was impatient in his desire to restore his

fighter's damaged prestige. Only three weeks after the Loughran defeat Jimmy was matched with Yale Okun, an experienced veteran and one of the best light heavys in the world. Braddock lost the 10-round decision. Next came "Slapsie" Rosenbloom, the top ranked light heavyweight, who was second only to Loughran in his ability to make an opponent look ridiculous. Chalk up another loss for the rapidly dwindling fortunes of Braddock.

Braddock's confidence was now at an all-time low. For the first time in his brief professional career he spoke of retirement.

In spite of the defeats all was not sour for Jimmy. A sizeable nest egg had been built up from his ring earnings in anticipation of his forthcoming marriage to Mae Fox. Most of the money was invested in the stock market and the rest went to purchase a taxicab company that he operated in his hometown of North Bergen, New Jersey. Then, on Black Friday, October 29, 1929, the nation took a shot on the chin that was to send it reeling for years. The Great Depression had arrived, America's dream was to turn into a nightmare, as the word "unemployed," once a seldom-used adjective, now became an oft-used and ominous noun as every fourth worker lost his earning ability and went on welfare.

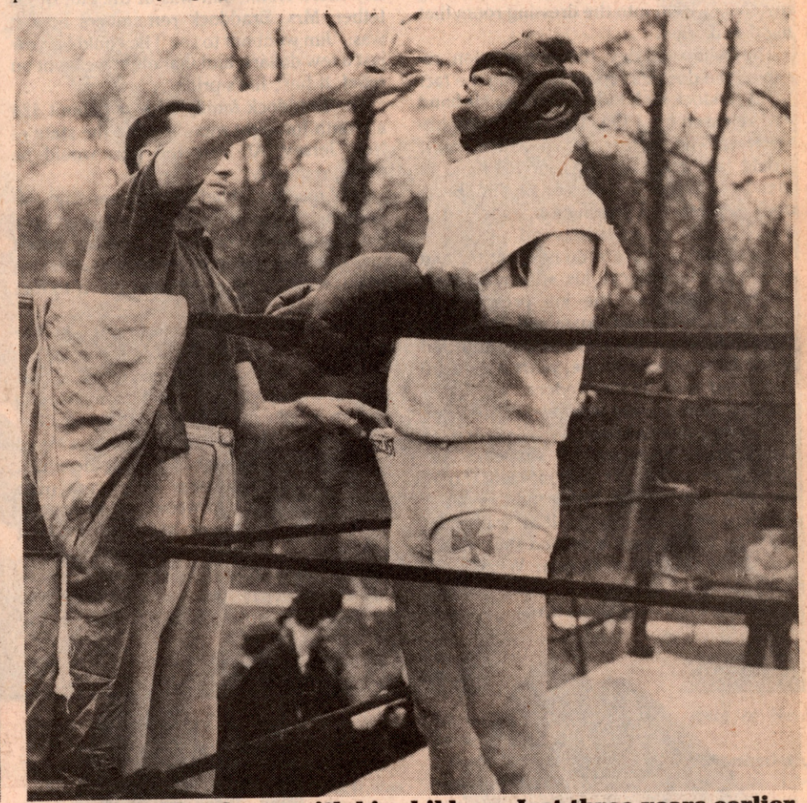
Jim Braddock would become one of those statistics, his investments wiped out overnight. What money was left was funneled into his taxicab operation in a futile attempt to keep it afloat. By the end of 1931 the only thing that seemed to be going right for Jim was his marriage to Mae, who was now expecting their second child. His savings were gone and the cab company had long since folded. Fighting was now the sole means of support for his family. Unfortunately, Jim was not exactly the fireball of old. The fighter who had lost only 3 of 46 bouts before meeting Loughran was now in the midst of a disastrous three-year slump. From 1930 to 1933 he would win but 10 of 30 fights. Many of his losses were to men of ordinary ability. The turnabout in his career was so complete, so decisive, that many boxing people who had touted him as a coming world champion only a few years back now were wondering if their original assessment had been correct.

But were his erratic performances really so puzzling considering the circumstances surrounding Jim Braddock's life at the time? Here was a young fighter whose confidence had been badly shaken by three straight losses in 1929. Coming on top of those defeats were a series of economic reversals compounded by the added responsibility of caring for a family. The psychological impact of these setbacks cannot be underestimated. If there was any consolation it was in the knowledge that countless others were suffering under the same economic pressures. What was happening to Jim Braddock was happening to an entire country.

His deteriorating financial condition made it exceedingly difficult for him to maintain the superb condition necessary for success in the ring. Hiring quality sparring partners was out of the question, there being barely enough money to keep up with his daily gym fees. He was living on soup, bread, and Mulligan stew—not exactly the ideal diet for a fighter in training. Nevertheless, Jim fought wherever—and whenever—he could, often spotting opponents 20 or more pounds and accepting fights on short notice to make ends meet, even if it meant competing with bruised hands or with cuts that had not healed.

In spite of these handicaps Jim Braddock always gave an honest effort and, win or lose, nobody was able to put him down. His only loss inside the distance was on a technical knockout to Lou Scozza on November 9, 1932. Only 18 days earlier he had sustained a bad cut over his left eye—requiring six stitches to close—while losing a ten-round decision to Tom Patrick. The cut was quickly reopened by Scozza and the referee had no choice but to stop the fight in the sixth round. Braddock had taken the bout on a week's notice because it meant train fare back home. Both bouts had taken place on the west coast where Braddock had gone in the hope of rejuvenating his fading ring career. But his only win in four starts was a ten round decision over Dynamite Jackson. All in all, 1932 was as dismal a year for Braddock as it was for the country, with only two wins in nine bouts.

By 1933 Jim was literally fighting to keep food on the table and a roof over his head. On September 25, 1933, he carried a 4 and 4 record for the year into a bout with highly regarded Abe Feldman at the Mt. Vernon, New York, Armory. He also carried a bruised right hand into the ring with him that night. But asking for a postponement was out of the question. He desperately needed the $300 he was to get for the bout. It would prove to be a very costly decision. In the second round Braddock, seeing an opening, crashed his damaged right hand against Feldman's head. Feldman's head withstood the impact; Braddock's hand did not. It broke. With his right hand now useless Jim was forced to go on the defen-



Above left: The champ with his children. Just three years earlier, the Braddocks had been on relief. (James repaid the debt.); Above: Braddock with manager Joe Gould.

sive. Feldman did not press his advantage and the pace of the fight soon slowed to a crawl. The crowd, not knowing what had happened, began to boo the lack of action. Finally, in exasperation, the referee threw them both out of the ring and declared the fight "no contest." Jim had looked so bad that the New York State Athletic Commission—adding financial insult to physical injury—decided to withhold his $300 purse. Years later Braddock recalled how he felt that night. "I figured all hope was gone," he said. "There were no jobs in sight, and now I had a broken hand and they were holding my $300. I went into the dressing room that night and cried."

The following day the Commission received the doctor's report verifying the fact that Braddock had, indeed, broken his hand and released his $300. The report was bittersweet. The doctors also informed him it would take many months for his hand to mend properly. The career of Jim Braddock, professional prizefighter, appeared to have come to an inglorious end.

There was nothing to do now but try and find work to support his wife and three children. However, the job prospects in 1933 for a one-armed, down-and-out ex-pug were slim, to say the least. So Jim returned to the Jersey docks where, years before, he had found work as a stevedore.

Every morning Jim would walk the three miles to the Weehawken railroad yards or to the Hoboken docks for the "shape-up." On good days he would get in eight hours handling railroad ties, lifting the ties out of the ships and onto flatcars. If he was really lucky he would work a second shift on the coal docks at 60 cents an hour. When work was scarce, which was more often than not, Jim would head over to the Brooklyn waterfront. "It was hard work on the docks," recalled Braddock. "I had to swing the tie-hook with my left hand. There wasn't much work to be had. One day a week. One day a month. Sometimes no work for months."

The winter of 1933-'34 was unusually severe and what work was available on the docks dried up as the streets and roadways became covered with snow. Within a few months Jim's financial situation had gone from difficult to desperate. He was in debt to just about everyone. And now, with the gas shut off and the milkman refusing to extend any more credit, Jim was at the end of his tether. Mrs. Braddock remembers how it was: "Jim went out to see if he could borrow just a few dollars, and that night we went on relief. It hurt Jim's pride."

The Braddock family received about $24 a month for eight months from the state of New Jersey. At least the kids would be eating regularly.

Applying for relief was something Jim Braddock hated to do. He never asked for a handout from anyone. He promised himself that one day, as soon as he was able, he would repay back every cent given to him by the state.

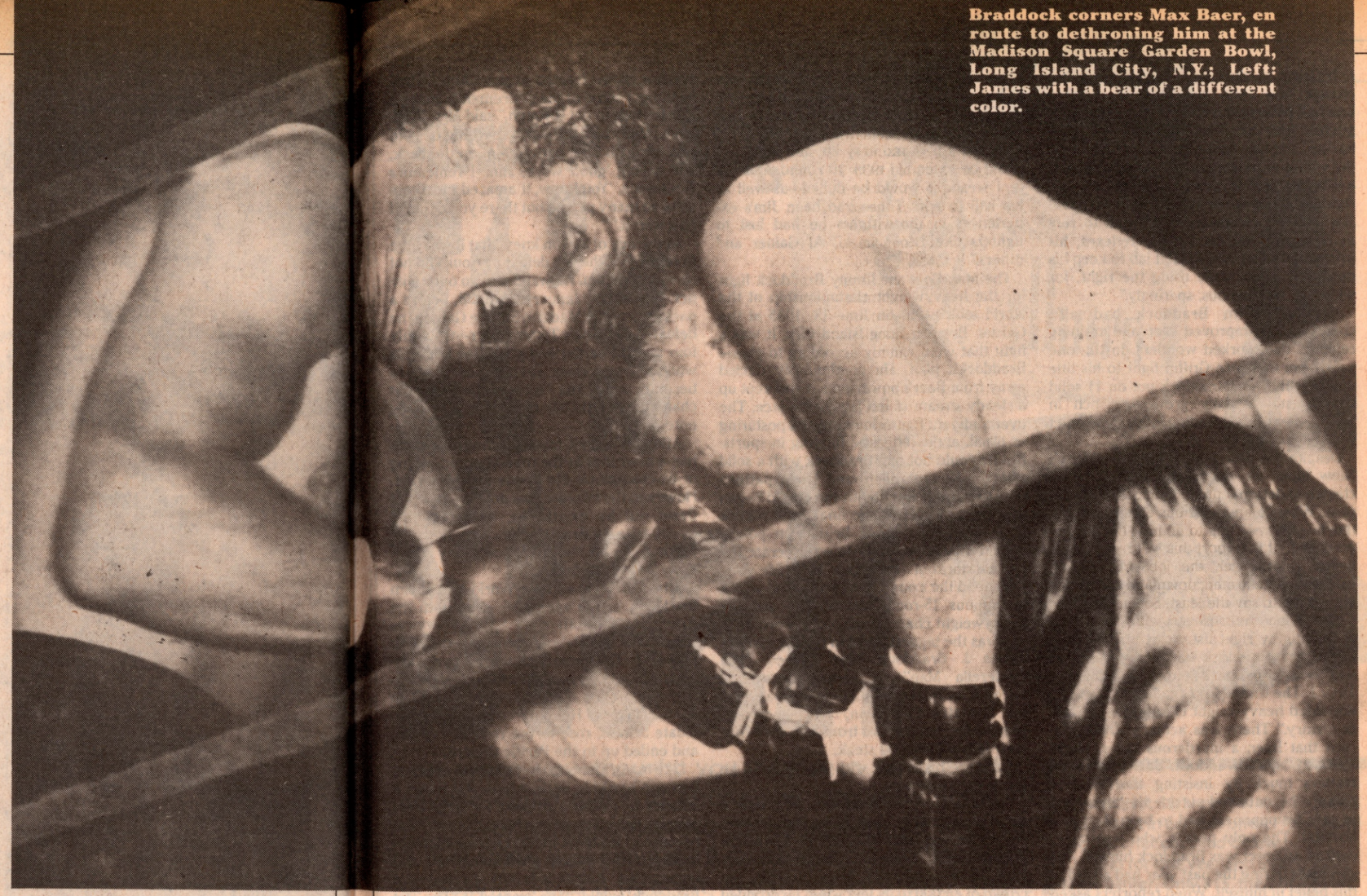
June 1934 found Jim working on the docks, now trying to outbox the sheriff. His right mitt had healed and for the past several weeks Joe Gould had been trying to line up a fight for him. It wasn't easy. The word on Braddock was that he was washed up, finished, a boxing has-been at the age of 28. Nonetheless, he was an ex-contender and as such his scalp would still look good on the belts of some up-and-coming young fighters.

Enter John (Corn) Griffin, an up-and-coming puncher out of Fort Benning, Georgia, who was looking to make a name for himself at the expense of a has-been with a recognizable name.

On the morning of June 12th Joe Gould approached Braddock with some good news and some bad news. The good news: he had secured a fight with Corn Griffin for $250. The bout would be a six-round preliminary underneath the Baer-Carnera championship match. The bad news: the fight was to take place in two days. Although Braddock had not had a fight in nine months, his body was lean and hard. He assured Gould that he could go the six-round distance. And besides, for $250 Jim would have tackled a mountain lion—even if his role was to be that of a sacrificial lamb.

Jim entered the ring a 6-to-1 underdog; he left that ring with a new lease on life.

The fight lasted all of three wild rounds. In the second Corn connected with a right behind Braddock's ear that dropped him to the canvas. Hard. It was only the second time in 78 pro fights that Braddock had ever been floored. The gritty Braddock got up, stepped inside a left hook, and dropped Griffin with his own right. Twice more Griffin was dropped with right hand counters. He was on the verge of going down a fourth time when the referee intervened. As Gould embraced his victorious fighter, Jim said to his manager, "I did that on hash. Get me a couple of steaks and there's no telling what I'll do."



Braddock corners Max Baer, en route to dethroning him at the Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City, N.Y.; Left: James with a bear of a different color.

Veteran observers thought it was a fluke, a lucky punch. So, five months later he was put into the ring against John Henry Lewis, one of the hottest young fighters in the country. Lewis had lost but one of his last 43 pro fights. Listed among his many victims was a 1932 decision over—who else?—James J. Braddock.

Favored at 5 to 1, the very surprised John Henry was slammed to the canvas twice and lost a unanimous ten-round decision. Braddock had obviously gotten his steaks.

Four months after defeating Lewis it was Art Lasky's turn. Lasky, the number two-ranked heavyweight contender, was being groomed for a summer title shot against then champion Max Baer. He wanted a tune-up match and, naturally, "the opponent," Jim Braddock, was available. By fight night Lasky was favored at 3 to 1—the dropping of the odds more in tune with sentiment than reality. But once again Jim surprised the experts. At the end of their match Lasky looked as though he had lost a decision to a meat grinder. He barely made it to the final bell. Braddock took 11 of the 15 rounds.

Jim's end of the purse came to $4100. One of the first things he did with the money was to repay—with interest—the $240 in relief he had received from the state of New Jersey.

Incredibly, Jim Braddock, the washed-up, has-been of a year ago was now the top-ranked challenger for Max Baer's heavyweight crown. What had happened to turn Braddock around? The fighter who beat John Henry Lewis and Art Lasky was not the Jim Braddock of old. His style of fighting had become more refined. He was using the left jab fare more often than he ever had in the past. It was a strong solid jab, made all the more powerful by the endless hours Jim had to swing the hook with his left hand on the docks, waiting for his injured right hand to heal.

According to Bill Fox, who besides being Jim's brother-in-law was also a close personal friend, the adjustment in Braddock's style can be directly attributable to his having broken his hand. He actually considers it

a blessing in disguise. "I would say the change was 90% subconscious. Like a baseball player who has been 'beaned' or a pitcher who has been hit with a 'comebacker,' a fighter who has broken his hand is the victim of subconscious reservations and a little restraint is unknowingly put into his right-hand punch, or the pitcher's fast ball. Jim was no exception, so he had to rely more on his natural athletic reflexes, his height and reach and his left jab to keep his opponent away while using the right, for which he was famous, sparingly."

Physically Jim Braddock had also changed. An improved diet and training regimen had worked wonders. In the one year from the Corn Griffin fight to his title match with Baer, Braddock put on 11 solid pounds and actually grew one inch in height, the result of trading in his steady diet of Mulligan stews for steak.

Despite the now 6'3" 191 lb. Braddock's "new look," he was given practically no chance to dethrone the 6'2½" 210 lb. champion. When 25-year-old Max Baer won the title from Primo Carnera in 1934 the experts predicted, at the very least, a 10-year reign for the colorful California adonis. His well-earned reputation as a playboy and clown did not interfere with his proven ability to render a man unconscious with one sweep of his mighty right fist. So strong was the feeling that Braddock was in over his head that the odds in Baer's favor went as high as 15 to 1. The United Press called it "the most one-sided heavyweight championship fight in history." There was actually great concern that Baer, a murderous hitter, might seriously injure Braddock. Baer didn't help matters much by insisting that an ambulance be stationed outside the arena just in case his opponent had to be rushed to a hospital. The only person who was confident of an upset was Braddock himself. His successes during the past year had added to this belief in himself. When reporters asked him if he was worried, Jim replied, "Let Max worry, he's got the title."

Braddock's confidence was not an act. He actually believed he would defeat Baer. "I never saw Jim apprehensive or scared of anything or anyone," recalls Bill Fox. "He had just lived through about six years of poverty and inability to earn a decent living and he had a tremendous drive to put distance behind himself, his family, and the deprivation they had known. He was not apprehensive; he was eager. This was his big chance and he knew it. He knew he was in good physical condition and psychologically ready for it. The damage to his ribs that he sustained in training did not deter him. He already had the secret for a successful fight." The secret, as Bill Fox explains it, was based on the self knowledge Jim had acquired during the previous year. "From his own personal experience he knew that it would take at least one year to overcome the physical and mental effects of dissipation. He reasoned that Baer, who had not fought in a year, led a free and easy life and that if he could be extended over 10 rounds, his potent weapons would be dulled—as well as his will to win. These had been Jim's experiences in those fights he had lost to fighters like Leo Lomski, Al Gainer and others."

The Max Baer vs. Jimmy Braddock fight for the heavyweight championship of the world took place on June 13, 1935 at the Garden Bowl in Long Island City. It was a fight that went exactly according to plan—Braddock's plan. He continuously circled away from Baer's power punch and kept up a steady stream of left jabs to his face. The overconfident Baer, clowning and posturing as usual, appeared to be fighting in spurts. But he could not nail Braddock with a solid punch. Round-after-round the pattern repeated itself. By the 8th the crowd began to sense an upset. In the final three rounds Baer, knowing he was behind on points, staged a last-ditch rally in a desperate bid for a knockout. Braddock kept his cool, withstood the assault, and walked off with a unanimous 15-round decision — and the heavyweight championship of the world.

It was the biggest upset in boxing history. James J. Braddock, now dubbed "The Cinderella Man" by sportswriters, had become an instant folk hero. He was truly the "People's Champion," who had been personally transformed from a 30-cent beef stew into a $300,000 steak.

He wore his crown with dignity; and he lost it the same way.

On June 22, 1937 Braddock, who only a short time before was living on welfare payments, was paid $320,000 to defend his title against Joe Louis in Chicago's Comiskey Park. The Cinderella Man brought the crowd of 46,000 to its feet when he dropped the Brown Bomber with a right in the very first round. But Louis got up and for the next six rounds gave the defending champion a frightful beating. Between the 6th and 7th rounds Gould wanted to stop the fight. He told Braddock he was going to throw in the towel. "If you do I'll never speak to you again," replied the proud champion. "If I'm going to lose I want to lose it on the deck." Louis knocked him unconscious in the 8th round. It was the only time in Braddock's 13-year-career that he was ever knocked out.

Even in defeat Jim Braddock remained dear to the hearts of his fans. Mae Braddock recalls that after the Louis fight they were unable to leave the stadium through the front entrance because of the huge crowd waiting to see him. When it was decided that he should leave through the back another crowd formed to greet him. "They finally got some of the policemen to make a line for him to get through," said Mrs. Braddock. "But they still were reaching over to him to touch him, patting him on the back, and saying 'good work, Jim.' I remember Jim saying, 'You know, it amazed me, there were so many people out there you'd think I had won it.' "

At the age of 32 Jim knew that it was time to retire. But the KO defeat by Louis did not sit well with him. He wanted to go out a winner. And so, on January 21, 1938, before a packed house in Madison Square Garden, he defeated England's Tommy Farr—who only four months earlier had given Joe Louis fits while losing a close 15-round decision—to become only the second heavyweight champion to end his career on a winning note.

After he retired from the ring Braddock had a brief stint at the time-honored calling of ex-champions: He opened a restaurant. However, the venture was not, like many of those run by ex-athletes, a success, the overly-friendly Braddock undermining it by picking up the checks of too many of his army of well-wishers.

When the U.S. entered World War II Jim Braddock, at the age of 36, enlisted in the Army. He was offered a Special Services assignment as a stateside physical education instructor. Jim turned it down. He may have been an ex-heavyweight champion but he was still just one of the guys. He wanted no special favors. He entered Officers Candidate School, rose to the rank of captain, and ended up in the Pacific theatre.

Like many men who have known deprivation and hardship in their lives Jim found it difficult to refuse a request for help from people less fortunate than himself. But because of his quiet modest nature many of these acts of charity went unnoticed and unrecorded. And that is just the way Jim Braddock would have wanted it. The last years of his life—he died in 1974 at the age of 68—were spent in fundraising work for St. Joseph's Orphanage in upstate New York.

Though boxing historians will never record him as one of the top ten heavyweight champions, Jim Braddock's abilities as a fighter have generally been underrated. The dramatic elements of his rise to the title have obscured a realistic assessment of his true ring skills.

Yet there is another measure of greatness that, in the grand scheme of things, is far more important than boxing skill or athletic achievement: Jim Braddock's rating as a man, his qualities of kindness, courage, patience and humility are what really count. And in that department he is right up there with the best of them, a symbol to the common man that one could triumph over adversity.

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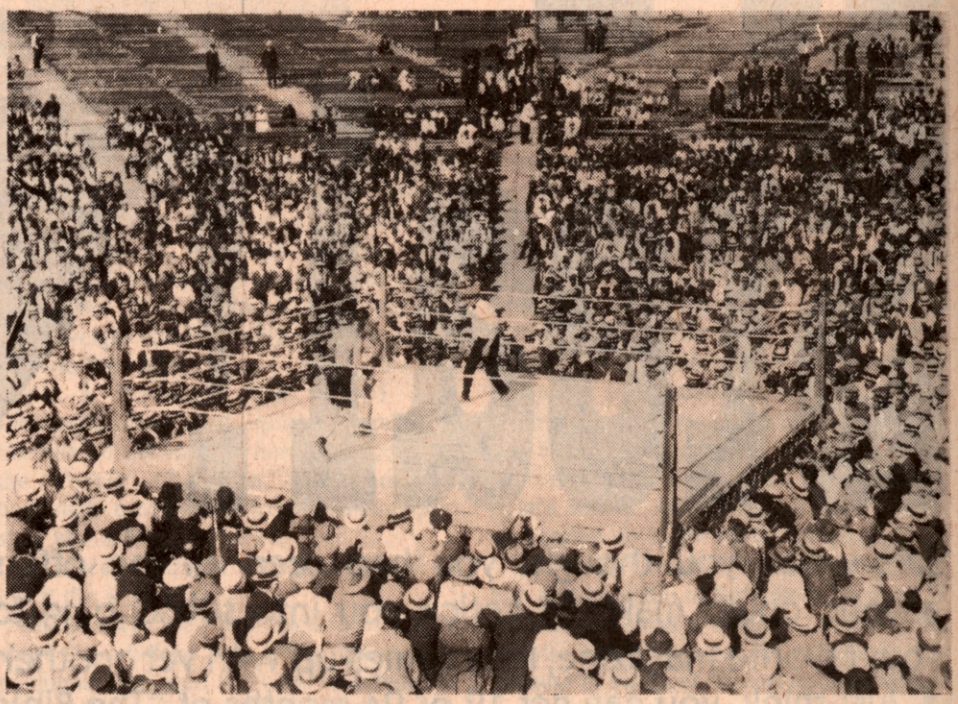


THE DAY AFTER JACK KEARNS DIED THERE was one flag flying in Shelby, Montana. It was in front of the post office and it flew from the top of the staff.

"I should think it would be at half-mast," a tourist remarked to a leather guy who was addressing a letter. "Doc Kearns died yesterday."

"That so?" the man said "I didn't hear about it."

"Jack Kearns, Jack Dempsey's manager. The man who stripped this town bare forty years ago, almost to the day."

"Oh." The cordovan face lost its vague expression. "Those were great days when they had that fight here. Busted all the banks and that fellow—Kearns, you say?—ducked out in a railroad caboose, with the money. And half the town after him, from what I hear."

"You weren't around here then?"

"Yes, but I was a kid. I got to see the fight free. They had this wooden area with a six-strand wire fence. It's torn down now but you'll see a sign just west of town on Highway 2 showing the place.

"A man handed me a pair of pliers to cut the fence but I was a kid and a-scared. I was starting to leave when somebody else cut the wires and we all piled in without paying."

The man hefted the letter he had addressed. "You know what airmail has to weigh before you pay extra?"

"No, but the man at the window will weigh it."

The man hesitated, then slid the envelope into the slot, taking his chances. So they still live dangerously in Shelby, the only town that ever sold its birthright for a prize fight.

Of course, it wasn't just any old prize fight, the match between Jack Dempsey and Tommy Gibbons on July 4, 1923. It was a fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, and there's something about a heavyweight championship that—well, it's instant history, that's what.

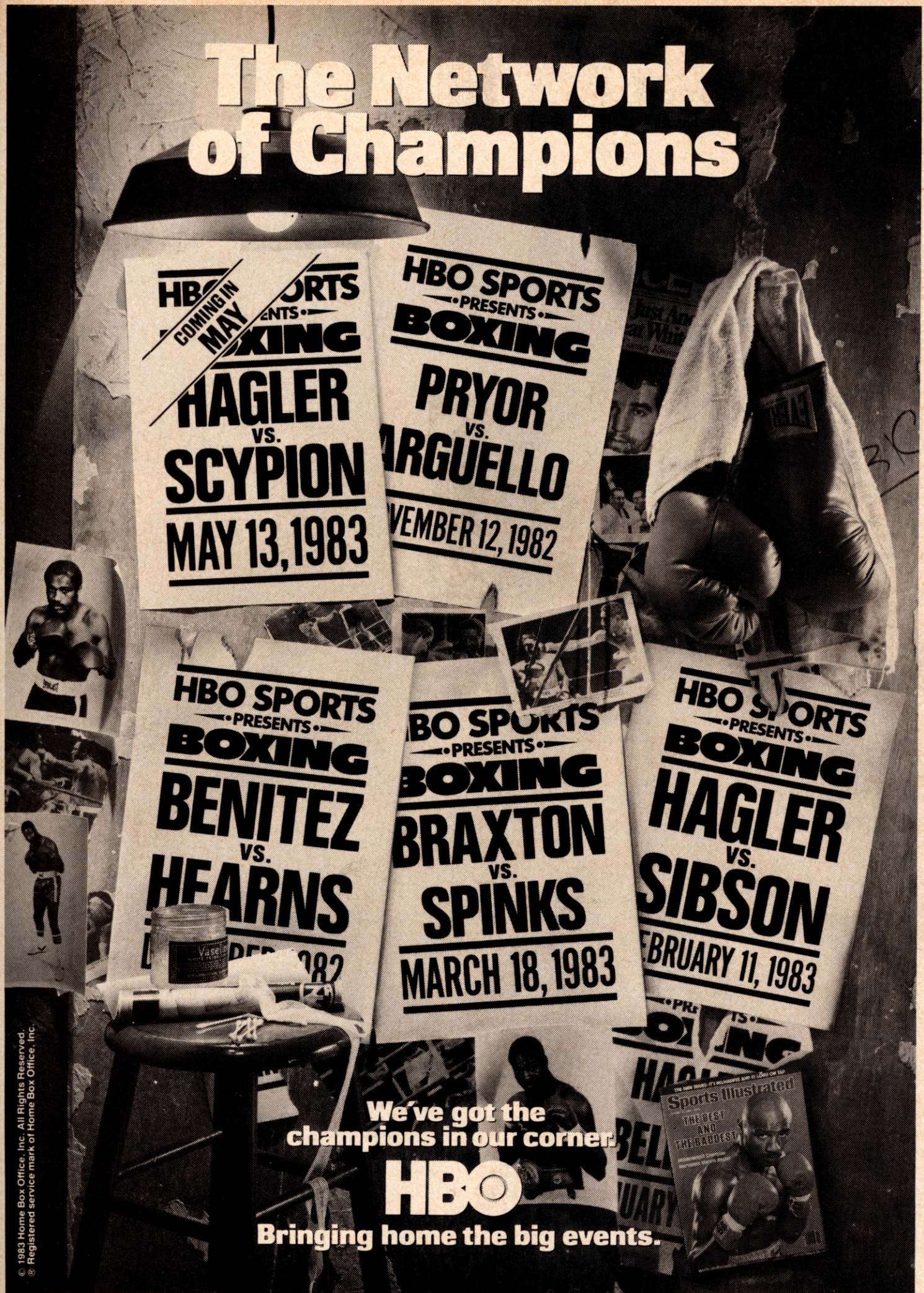
Let any one who doubts this visit Shelby today, forty years after Jack Kearns plucked the town clean as a Christmas turkey. When the late doctor caught that caboose out of town, his bat-ears flapping in triumph and sticky fingers gripping a satchel holding $250,000, three banks folded.

Shelby had built a stadium for forty thousand customers and the fight drew 7,966 who paid $201,485 at $20 to $50 a seat. The group of young boosters who promised Kearns $300,000 to bring Dempsey to Shelby had put the town on the map—oil had been discovered in 1922 and the boom was on—but they were middle-aged before their city staggered back to fiscal health.

Yet, because a heavyweight title fight is the special event that it is, the boosters accomplished what they set out to do. Shelby today enjoys a fame undreamed of in other Montana towns like Havre and Chouteau.

Even the road map you pick up in the filling station notes that Shelby was the site of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight. The postcards sold in the drugstore on the main stem boast of disaster. As far away as Great Falls, there is a saloon called the Dempsey Inn that advertises, even after forty years, "where Jack Dempsey trained."

In 1962 the July fourth edition of the *Shelby Promoter*—a newspaper happily named—carried a Page One spread of pictures and text under the banner headline: "IT ALL HAPPENED 40 YEARS AGO." Referring to the tens of thousands of words written about the Sack of Shelby, the paper observed that "if all this free space was totalled as advertising inches, we think that throughout the years Shelby's investment in 1923 has paid for itself twice over."



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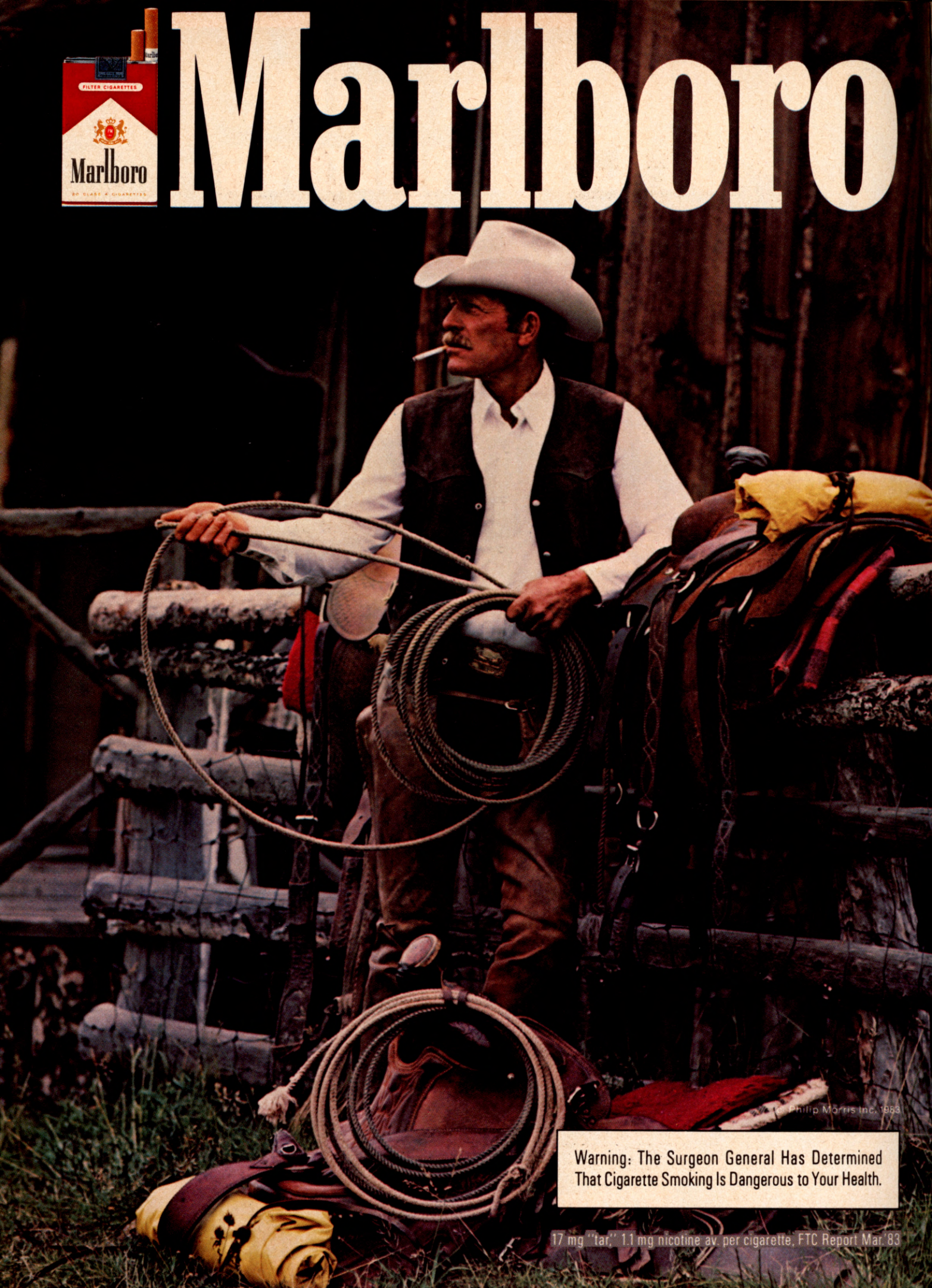
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